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Girl, 6, hit by car and hospitalized

ACCIDENT A six-year-old girl was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after she was struck by a vehicle on Barrington Street late Thursday afternoon.

Halifax Regional Police say the girl ran out between two parked cars and was struck by the vehicle at 5:20 p.m. Police say the vehicle was driving slowly when it hit the girl.

The six-year-old was taken to the IWK Health Centre for assessment of her injuries.

Police say the investigation is continuing, but it doesn't appear the driver will face any charges under the motor vehicle act.

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Guergis probe underway: P.I.

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Stars on Ice

Olympic hero



Olympic bronze medallist Joannie Rochette performs in the Stars on Ice 20th anniversary tour at the Metro Centre on Thursday night. The show also included 2010 Olympic champion ice dancers Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, 2002 Olympic champs Jamie Sale and David Pelletier and four-time world champion Kurt Browning.

Coyote pelts worth \$20

Province reintroduces bounty in an attempt to 'change behaviour'

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The province announced a new coyote bounty Thursday, but insists it is different from past failed attempts.

Nova Scotia's last coy-



ote bounty ended in failure in 1986 when it was determined to have no effect on population numbers.

Natural Resources Minister John MacDonell has in the past stated they don't work. But this bounty of \$20 per coyote pelt is different, he told reporters at a news conference Thursday.

"Bounties don't work to control the population. What we're hoping to do is change the behaviour," he said.

MacDonell hopes to cull as much as 4,000 of the approximately 8,000 coyotes in the province. He said this will lead the animals to fear humans

and cut down on aggressive interactions.

Only licensed trappers will receive the \$20 bounty. The province will train 15 specific trappers to target aggressive coyotes in areas near people. The government is also hiring a wildlife biologist to study human/wildlife conflict and setting up new education programs.

MacDonell initially tried to say this wasn't a bounty, believing that word harkened back to previous failed drives to curb the population.

Though he admitted "If you were to check Webster's you'd probably find that every way you can

Sightings on the rise

Coyote sightings have spiked this year in HRM, but officials think it might just be due to hype. There were 85 re-

ported coyote sightings in the Halifax area between Jan. 1 and March 15. However, none of the run-ins were aggressive.

find a definition this would be defined as a bounty."

He also had sections on how bounties don't work taken off the natural resources website.

Liberal MLA Leo Glavine, whose cat Muffy was killed by coyotes, applauded plans to target problem animals and increase education. But he believes the \$20 bounty is an over-reac-

tion. Glavine said there's no guarantee a widespread cull will hit the aggressive animals.

"He's rolling the dice on that so there's no guarantee," said Glavine.

"We may see a minor reduction in the short term, but I honestly think that's from (the other initiatives).

The bounty will apply throughout trapping season, which begins Oct. 15.

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Last chance for laughs with ComedyFest

The final two days of Halifax ComedyFest 2010 take place Friday and Saturday at various venues in the city. There are three different shows set for Friday, including Comedy for the Troops at CFB Fleet Club at 8 p.m. featuring the likes of Shaun Majumder, left. There are also three shows on Saturday, including the Gala Finale at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium at 8 p.m. For a complete list of events and comedians, visit halifaxcomedyfest.ca.

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Charges laid after armed dispute between 2 men

CRIME A 36-year-old from Halifax is due in court Friday after police say a fight broke out between two men at a north-end Halifax intersection on Thursday, with the man facing charges suffering a cut to his hand from his own knife.

Halifax Regional Police say an officer on routine patrol at 1:16 p.m. saw two men fighting at the intersection of Inglis and Bland streets. Witnesses told police that during the dispute, the 36-year-old allegedly produced a knife but suffered a cut to his hand when a third man intervened and took the weapon away from him.

Police were able to locate the knife and arrest the suspect, who allegedly was also in possession of marijuana. The men fighting were known to each other, police say.

The 36-year-old is facing charges of drug possession, breach of probation and possession of a weapon.

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Michelle Lyon and Shayne Howe pose behind their Windsor-area home earlier this year. The couple says they're moving to an undetermined location.

'I think it's just best that we just leave'

Cross-burning victims moving from Hants County

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The interracial couple targeted in a cross burning in February are leaving Hants County — saying their car being burnt to its frame last weekend was the final straw.

Michelle Lyon said the move was prompted by fear for the safety of her family after her car was fire bombed early Saturday morning. The RCMP have made no arrests in relation to the incident and are asking anyone with information to contact police.

"For safety reasons, I think it's just best that we just leave," said Lyon, who

is white. "And for piece of mind."

In February, a cross was burned outside Lyon's residence, where she lives with her partner Shayne Howe, who is black. The incident brought national attention to the question of race relations in Nova Scotia.

Two distant relatives of Lyon's have been charged with committing a hate crime in relation to the incident.

Justin Rehberg, 19, will be going to trial Oct. 18 in provincial court in Windsor after pleading not guilty this week to the charges he faces.

His brother, Nathan Rehberg, 20, will enter a plea

May 18.

"When they were caught, we thought, 'We can get over this,'" said Lyon, referring to the arrests of Justin and Nathan Rehberg. "It gradually started going back to the routine of things, and to a normalcy ... Tensions were going down, at a low. Then my car gets burned, and then boom — we're right back where we were when this all started."

Lyon is not sure where her family will re-locate, but has certainly ruled out one area.

"It will not be in Hants County. We will not re-locate in Hants County," she proclaimed. "We will be going away."

Fund anti-smoking programs with tobacco settlement: MLA

LEGISLATURE Nova Scotia has received \$12.4 million from tobacco companies as part of a massive settlement, but there's debate about where that money should go.

Liberal Diana Whalen said Thursday in the legislature it should go towards smoking-cessation programs.

"Right now, we know those programs work and the number of smokers is going down. But it is underfunded," said Whalen. "Their funding pretty much runs out by mid-year."

But Health Minister Maureen MacDonald said she is reluctant to expand programs if there's no guarantee of future funding.

"When you get one-time-only money it's not a good idea to use that to expand your programs unless you know you can sustain them," she said.

The money is Nova Scotia's share of a nation-wide

"Right now, we know those programs work and the number of smokers is going down. But it is underfunded."

MLA Diana Whalen

\$325-million settlement with tobacco manufacturer JTI-MacDonald Corp. Canada launched a civil suit against the company when it was caught supporting the illegal tobacco trade.

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N.S. rolls out green initiatives

\$11.4M marked for school retrofits, carbon offset bill introduced

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The province commemorated the 40th anniversary of Earth Day on Thursday with a carbon offset bill and a drive to retrofit schools.

At Dartmouth High School Conserve Nova Scotia Minister Bill Estabrooks revealed how \$11.4 million budgeted for school improvements will be rolled out.

Projects range from more energy-efficient light bulbs and new windows to switching schools over from oil to natural gas.

At Dartmouth High a

group of students have taken things a step further.

Pupils in a grade 12 philosophy class have created the group Schools Appreciating Valuable Energy, or SAVE. The group will encourage students to conserve energy and as a bonus, the value of half of the energy saved is paid back to the school.

"They showed a great video of these kids commenting on, you know, turning off computers and turning off lights. But they did it in such an entertaining way," said Estabrooks.

"When you can reward the initiatives of students

and they have that sense of conscience then you're all set."



Estabrooks

Estabrooks said the province isn't sure exactly how much will be saved in operating costs when the upgrades are complete. But he said he eventually expects savings to outweigh the initial cost.

The province contributed \$10 million to energy-saving construction last year.

Earlier in the day Environment Minister Sterling Belliveau introduced a bill to create a voluntary carbon offset fund to help reduce greenhouse-gas

emissions.

The bill will create a fund to support projects that reduce harmful air emissions.

Businesses, organizations and people will be able to purchase emissions credits from the fund.

One carbon credit will fund the removal of one tonne of carbon emissions from the atmosphere.

An emissions credit is applied against the purchaser's carbon footprint, which is the amount of greenhouse gas they produce.

The fund is expected to be in operation by next spring.

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Nature trust acquires sites to protect species

HABITATS The Nova Scotia Nature Trust is moving to permanently protect two endangered species sites in the province.

The group says it has acquired 86 hectares of wetlands and forests to provide refuge for at-risk species from birds and turtles to snakes and lichens.

Eleven hectares acquired at Keddy Brook in Lunenburg County will protect one of the few nesting sites for the endangered Blanding's turtle.

The land also serves as an important habitat for the eastern ribbon snake.

And a 75-hectare site

purchased near Hectanooga in Digby County supports the largest stand of white cedar in the province and is home to two endangered bird species, the Canada warbler and the olive-sided flycatcher.

The trust says major financial support for the land acquisitions was provided by Aveda salons and spas and the federal stewardship program for species at risk.

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Earth Day White socks don't lie



Carol Hollett-Glasgow of Nova Scotia Community College's Institute of Technology Campus uses a sock to test for vehicle emissions Thursday. Titled Dirty Sock Contest, the Earth Day event saw 17 vehicles checked, with the owner of the vehicle that dirtied the sock the most getting a \$100 Canadian Tire gift card.

N.B. crash victim ID'd as 78-year-old woman from Wallace

TWO-VEHICLE COLLISION New Brunswick RCMP have released the name of an elderly woman from Nova Scotia who was killed in a two-vehicle crash early

this week near St. Stephen.

Elizabeth Delores Isenor, 78, of Wallace, was a passenger in a car that collided with a tractor-trailer at the intersection of Highways 170 and 127 on Monday.

Police say the vehicle Isenor was in failed to stop at a stop sign.

The male driver suffered non life-threatening injuries while the driver of the tractor-trailer was uninjured.

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Extend welfare to students: Group

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A student advocacy group is calling on the provincial government to extend social assistance to post-secondary hopefuls.

The Nova Scotia branch of the Canadian Federation of Students is taking issue with Regulation 67 in the Employment Support and Income Assistance Act, which prohibits those pursuing a post-secondary degree from collecting social assistance.

"By next year 89 per cent of jobs in the province will require some form of post-secondary ed-

ucation," Kaley Kennedy, chairwoman of the CFSNS, said at a press conference about the issue yesterday at Mount Saint Vincent University.

"By shutting students out of social assistance, the government is also preventing those students from accessing the jobs that they need to earn a living wage."

Kennedy said the NDP promised to repeal Regulation 67 before last year's election, but have yet to follow through.

She cited a CFS questionnaire sent out to the NDP

in May 2009, in which party officials simply answered "Yes" to a long question concerning repealing the regulation.

Community Services spokeswoman Linda Laffin said the government will keep its promise. But it may take time, as the government is in the process of overhauling the entire ESIA Act.

"In keeping with the government's commitment, these post-secondary programs will be examined to insure that income assistance clients can continue to access post-secondary education,"

Laffin said.

"It's a definite yes ... (the) government will repeal Regulation 67."

Laffin said she couldn't speculate on a timeline for the overhaul. She said the reason Regulation 67 has yet to be repealed is because it is but one component to a large and complicated system.

"It's just one piece of the entire re-design," said Laffin.

"It will be examined under the umbrella of entire ESIA program ... It's a huge project ... that requires a whole different way of looking at things, perhaps some shifts in philosophy and how we do things."



Kaley Kennedy

No charges expected in school drug raid

CRIME Most, if not all students arrested at Amherst Regional High School following a drug raid earlier this month will escape criminal prosecution.

Deputy Chief Ian Naylor of the Amherst Police Department said while interviews still have to be completed with two of the 30 youth arrested, the 28 young people and all five adults detained qualify for either restorative justice or adult diversion.

The students, who are all serving suspensions from classes, were arrested on April 10 when police, acting on a complaint received from the community set up surveillance at the school and then arrested 25 young people for allegedly smoking and possessing marijuana in the rear parking lot at Amherst Regional High



Police aren't expected to lay any charges relating to a drug raid this month at Amherst Regional High School.

School.

That number was later increased as the investigation continued.

At the time of the bust, a small quantity of marijuana and drug paraphernalia were seized along with some unknown pills.

While the students quali-

fy for alternative justice, Naylor stressed it should not be viewed as getting a free pass through the justice system because he said criminal prosecution and punishment is not always the answer.

"We don't consider this a lesser option than the

courts, but it's a more appropriate option based on the circumstances," said Naylor. "The whole idea of this is trying to change someone's behaviour and sometimes the courts are not the most effective method to use."

AMHERST DAILY NEWS

Two women apologize for fatal hit-and-run

COURTS Two women involved in a hit-and-run that killed a woman crossing a Fredericton intersection in a wheelchair have apologized for their ac-

tions.

Darcie Victoria West and Tiffany Monroe were to be sentenced Thursday along with West's father for the accident last August that

killed Dianne Trotter of Toronto. The court heard victim-impact statements from Trotter's mother and aunt before the judge adjourned sentencing for all

three until May 6. Darcie West was driving a car on the night of Aug. 29 when she struck the 33-year-old Trotter and kept going.

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Don't bank on tax on banks

Flaherty rebuffs IMF push

Canada will not slap a tax on banks to protect against any future financial meltdowns.

That was the defiant message from Finance Minister Jim Flaherty as he stood his ground Thursday on the eve of the G20 meeting of finance ministers.

"We're a sovereign country — we can regulate our banks and our other financial institutions as we see fit," Flaherty said in Washington.

"As finance minister of Canada, I am not going to impose a tax on our banks that performed well during the financial crisis."

"It seems to me a very odd thing to do, to punish our banks who got the job done admirably."

But earlier Thursday, the International Monetary Fund threw its weight behind the bank tax proposal.

The head of the IMF, Dominique Strauss-Kahn, said the levy, combined with tighter regulation of the financial industry, would reduce the risk and lessen the blow of another global financial disaster. "Our belief is the tax system can help to reduce

the likelihood of future crises," he told a news conference.

The bank levy was set to be a hot topic of discussion at the G20 meetings on Friday. The U.S., the U.K., France and Germany support the tax to pay not only for the last series of bank bailouts, but also any future ones.

"As finance minister of Canada, I am not going to impose a tax on our banks that performed well during the financial crisis."

Jim Flaherty

calls for the levy. "We see the bank levy discussion as a distraction from the core agenda," he said.

Flaherty said it made no sense to the G20 countries whose banks did not require a taxpayer bailout during the recent financial tailspin.

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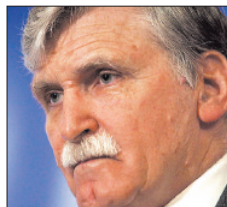
Members of the Canadian Winter Olympic Team hold up their medals around Prime Minister Stephen Harper on Parliament Hill Thursday. The Hill was a sea of red as MPs paid tribute to the Winter Olympic and the Paralympic teams. The Winter Olympics team won a record 14 golds.

Bravo GG, says Rwanda veteran

GENOCIDE Senator Roméo Dallaire is welcoming Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean's apology for the world's failure to respond to the Rwandan genocide — a tragedy the retired general tried and failed to prevent.

Dallaire said Jean's comments in Kigali, Rwanda, on Wednesday were a great gesture.

He said suggestions that her words were not a formal apology, but simply a restatement of Canada's



Roméo Dallaire

recognition that the international community failed the Rwandan people, are a quibble over semantics.

The governor general's officials described her message as an apology and said it had been cleared with the government.

But the Prime Minister's Office later insisted that Jean wasn't delivering a formal apology.

"That's irrelevant to me," Dallaire said Thursday. "And I say that as the former force commander on the ground with bodies up to my neck, screaming for support." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Jaffer's blue, but that green fund is blooming

HANDOUTS It's the green pool at the centre of the Rahim Jaffer controversy.

The Green Infrastructure Fund is flush with federal cash for environmental projects, Jaffer, husband of turfed Tory minister Helena Guergis, wasn't able to tap into the \$1-billion fund, but others have.

About half the cash has already been doled out.

The money is being used for such things as power lines for hydroelectricity in B.C. and Quebec projects to process garbage.

The Conservative government launched the green fund last year as part of its stimulus plan, a five-year pool of cash to support clean energy and waste management.

Infrastructure Canada manages the money.

The federal agency's website says the fund "will focus on a few, large scale, strategic infrastructure projects." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

CRIME The Tory government is reintroducing legislation to ban the use of house arrest sentences for major crimes committed by "serious and violent" offenders. Justice Minister Rob Nicholson says it's only common sense that "the punishment should fit the crime." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Mubin Shaikh made the admission during the Toronto 18 trial Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Turfed Tory minister Helena Guergis denies allegations.

Guergis probe now underway?

RCMP investigation ongoing: PI

The private investigator who brought allegations to the Conservatives about former cabinet minister Helena Guergis says he believes the RCMP have begun a full-fledged investigation into the affair.

Derrick Snowdy says he met with Insp. John Kueper of the RCMP's commercial crime unit on Wednesday in Milton, Ont., and delivered all the electronic and paper files he thought were relevant to the matter.

"It was my second meeting with them and everything has now been turned over to them and I think we can safely say they are satisfied and moving forward," Snowdy said.

"We're already in an investigation. They said, 'We're in the middle of an investigation.'"

The RCMP did not return calls to their offices Thursday.

Guergis and her husband, Rahim Jaffer, a for-

mer Conservative MP, are fighting allegations that range from illegal lobbying to tax evasion. They have consistently denied the allegations as unfounded and based in innuendo.

Guergis was expelled from the Conservative caucus two weeks ago when Snowdy approached the Conservative party with details he had heard about off-shore accounts allegedly set up

for Guergis and Jaffer. Snowdy said he gleaned the information while investigating an associate of Jaffer's named Nazim Gillani.

The most damaging issue to date for the couple appears to be the nagging allegations of illegal lobbying by Jaffer and an alleged breach of ethics by Guergis.

Jaffer has said he never received any money for lobbying. The Commissioner of Lobbying is studying the matter.

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News in brief

HIV Politics played no part in the decision to scrap plans for a multimillion-dollar HIV research facility — it just wasn't needed, says chief public health officer Dr. David Butler-Jones. The \$88-million lab was to be the signature component of a joint venture of Canada and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It was announced three years ago.

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Sex-ed lessons get a 'rethink'

BIRDS, BEES A new sex-ed curriculum that would have seen Ontario kids learn about sexual orientation in Grade 3 and masturbation in Grade 6 will be postponed and reworked, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Thursday.

It needs a "serious rethink," he said.

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A Quebec City man is seeking permission to sue a priest who was charged last year with sexually abusing several youths under his care. A civil action filed at the Montreal courthouse Thursday says one of the victims is seeking \$750,000 from Rev. Raymond-Marie Lavoie. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

POLITICS A fluently bilingual Supreme Court of Canada is an ideal worth pursuing, critics say, but a proposed law that would enforce only bilingual appointments to the top bench is a "very, very bad idea." An NDP private member's bill to

that effect quietly passed final reading in the House of Commons late last month and was introduced this week in the Senate, where it is finally generating some public debate. **DRUG SPENDING** A new tally that estimates drug spending

in Canada shows it hit the \$30-billion mark last year, up an estimated \$1.5 billion from the previous year. Spending per capita on prescribed drugs was highest in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Nunavut Caribou conservation



A wild caribou roams the tundra near The Meadowbank Gold Mine located in the Nunavut Territory of Canada in this file photo. Once, caribou flooded over the Arctic tundra in herds that took days to pass. The trackless tundra reaches a fork in the road this weekend as environmental scrutiny begins on a massive uranium mine proposed for a pristine patch of the central Arctic.

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Enviro law will cause conflict, natives say

Aboriginal leaders from across Canada say proposed changes to federal environmental law are setting a course for conflict.

The Aamjiwnaag First Nation of Sarnia, Ont., and about 20 other First Nations have written to Prime Minister Stephen Harper demanding he withdraw the amendments to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

Aamjiwnaag spokesman Ron Plain said in the letter that the proposed amendments — part of the Conservatives' Jobs and Economic Growth Act — give the federal environment minister complete discretion on setting the focus for environmental assessments.

"It is through environmental assessment that aboriginal peoples, including ourselves and the communities we live in, learn of proposed projects that may impact our aboriginal interests," said Plain's let-

Site C

• The proposed Site C dam, located near Fort St. John in B.C. will create an 83-kilometre-long reservoir and will flood almost 5,400 hectares of land. The dam will generate enough electricity to power 460,000 homes for a century.

ter. In the letter, Plain reminds Harper that governments must engage in a meaningful consultation process with aboriginals that includes discussing potential impacts on their rights and interests.

"It is baffling why you would now seek to avoid conducting a fulsome planning process for projects enabled by your government," said the letter.

"Such a regulatory arrangement can only lead to additional conflict between project proponents and aboriginal peoples across Canada."

Earlier this week, British

Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell announced his province will proceed with the steps necessary to build a third massive hydroelectric dam in north-eastern B.C.

Aboriginal groups in the region have said they have not been consulted on the so-called Site C project, which must yet go through an environmental assessment.

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, suggested Harper's proposed amendments are aimed squarely at watering down the environmental process for projects like Site C.

"If mega projects such as ... Site C are approved, it will be at the great expense of the constitutionally protected rights of indigenous Peoples and the precious environmental legacy that many British Columbians hope to share with future generations," Phillip said.

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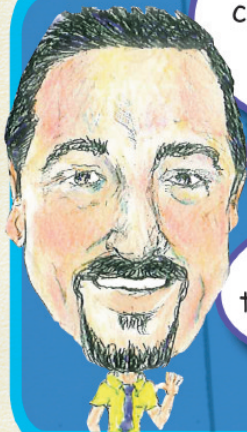
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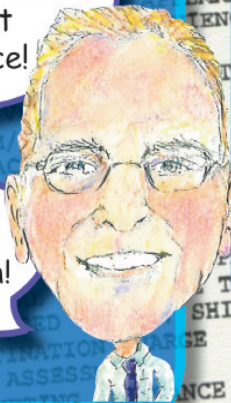
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Palin's daughter testifies in hack trial

Bristol Palin testified in Tennessee yesterday that she was 17 and pregnant in 2008 when she received hundreds of phone calls and texts when her number was posted online after her mother's email account was hacked. Palin, left, said she worried when boys called, claiming they were at her front door and wanted in. On trial for hacking the account is David Kernell. Sarah Palin is subpoenaed to testify but it's unclear if she will.

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Europe back in flight

Officials expect it will take days to get all passengers where they need to go

European airports sent thousands of planes into the sky Thursday after a week of unprecedented disruptions, with airlines piling on more flights and bigger planes to try to get as many people home as possible.

Nearly all of the continent's 28,000 scheduled flights, including more than 300 trans-Atlantic routes, were going ahead. Every plane was packed, however, as airlines squeezed in some of the hundreds of thousands who had been stranded for days among passengers

Winds shift

• Shifting winds sent a new plume of volcanic ash over Scandinavia, forcing some airports to close again. The new airspace restrictions applied to parts of northern Scotland, southern Norway, Sweden and

Finland, said Kyla Evans, spokeswoman for Eurocontrol, the European air traffic agency. Some oil rig workers were trapped Thursday on platforms in the North Sea because helicopters were grounded.

with regular Thursday tickets.

Airlines said, despite their efforts, there was no quick and easy solution to cut down the backlog of passengers.

"Quite frankly we don't have an answer to this,"

said David Henderson, spokesman for the Association of European Airlines, which predicted it would take several days to get all stranded passengers to their destinations. "We don't know where they are and in what numbers, so

we would expect it will go on into the early part of next week."

A week of airspace closures caused by the ash threat to planes created the worst breakdown in civil aviation in Europe since the Second World War. More than 100,000 flights were cancelled and airlines are on track to lose over \$2 billion. The aviation crisis that began with an April 14 volcanic eruption in Iceland left millions of passengers in limbo and sparked calls for a wholesale reform of Europe's air traffic system.

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Missing rig workers presumed dead

GULF OF MEXICO A deepwater oil platform that burned for more than a day after a massive explosion sank into the Gulf of Mexico on Thursday, creating the potential for a major spill as it underscored the slim chances that the 11 workers still missing survived. The sinking of the Deepwater Horizon, which burned violently until the gulf itself extinguished the fire, could unleash more than 1,135,600 litres of crude a day into the water. The environmental hazards would be greatest if the spill were to reach the

Louisiana coast, some 80 kilometres away. Crews searched by air and water for the missing workers, hoping they had managed to reach a lifeboat, but one relative said family members have been told it's unlikely any of the missing survived Tuesday's blast.

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Nick Clegg proves he's no one-hit wonder in latest U.K. TV debate.

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Netanyahu refuses to budge on Israeli settlement issue

MIDDLE EAST Israel's prime minister on Thursday rejected U.S. calls to halt construction in disputed east Jerusalem, clouding a new peace mission by Washington's Mideast envoy.

Benjamin Netanyahu's comments were broadcast on Israel's Channel 2 TV shortly after envoy George Mitchell arrived for his first visit in six weeks. Mitchell's efforts had been on hold due to disagreements over

east Jerusalem, the section of the holy city claimed by Israel and the Palestinians.

"I am saying one thing. There will be no freeze in Jerusalem," Netanyahu said. "There should be no preconditions to talks."

Although Netanyahu was repeating his long-standing position, the timing of the statement threatened to undermine Mitchell's latest efforts to restart peace talks.

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Thailand Protests come to a head in violence



A woman is rushed to an ambulance after an explosion Thursday in Bangkok. A burst of grenade attacks near a massive encampment of anti-government protesters killed one person and injured 75 after a tense, weeklong standoff. Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thaugsuban said attackers shot five M-79 grenades. But his brief statement seemed to stop short of directly blaming the protesters, known as the Red Shirts.

Obama urges financial reform

NEW YORK U.S. President Barack Obama rebuked Wall Street for risky practices Thursday even as he sought its leaders' help for "updated, common sense" regulations to head off any new financial crisis.

"Ultimately there is no dividing line between Main Street and Wall Street. We rise or we fall together as one nation. So I urge you to join me," Obama said in a high-stakes speech near the nation's financial hub.

The president acknowledged differences of opinion over how to best protect bailout-weary taxpayers but denounced criticism from some Republicans who claim a Democratic-sponsored bill headed for Senate action would encourage rather than discourage future bailouts of huge banks.

"That may make for a good sound bite, but it's not factually accurate," Obama said.

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News in brief

FRANCE Paris City Hall has filed a complaint against unknown vandals who ripped down and stole three plaques on a city square named to honour Israel's founding father David Ben Gurion. A city spokesman said Thursday that officials first noticed the signs missing a day earlier, and new plaques were being put up. Authorities were investigating. Some pro-Palestinian protesters criticized the dedication of the plaques on April 15.

TURKEY Armenia is freezing its ratification of an agreement to normalize ties with Turkey and reopen their shared border, the Armenian president said Thursday — dealing a setback to efforts to end the countries' long-standing enmity. Turkey closed its border with Armenia in 1993 to protest the Armenia-backed war by separatists in the Nagorno-Karabakh region; the region is an enclave within Azerbaijan.

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Ousted Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich has asked a U.S. federal judge to subpoena the president to testify at his corruption trial. His attorney says President Barack Obama has direct knowledge of allegations made in the indictment. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cops: Fake orgy call targeted neighbour

A Connecticut man who was feuding with his neighbour targeted her in an explicit online posting that invited strangers to a rowdy orgy with a bored soccer mom, police said.

Philip James Conran, 42, made his first court appearance Thursday, but did not enter a plea to charges including reckless endangerment, harassment, criminal trespass and risk of injury to a minor.

The charges stem from an April 5 posting on Craigslist that said a woman in West Hartford wanted to "please as many as I can before I go to work!" Detectives, Conran's attorney and the woman targeted in the posting are not saying what prompted the feud between the longtime neighbours in the middle-class Hartford suburb.

Police Chief James Strilacci said even veteran officers were surprised by the number of strangers who knocked on the woman's

Other charges stem from incident

• One man who saw the Craigslist posting went to the wrong house, where he groped a teenage girl, police said. He has been charged

with sexual assault and other counts. His attorney said his client has psychological issues and plans to plead not guilty.

door, called the house or drove by.

"We were saying to ourselves, 'The economy must be worse than we think if all of these able-bodied men are able to immediately drop everything and drive over to this neighbourhood' on a Monday morning, he said.

Conran, an unemployed cook, has been free on \$75,000 bond since his arrest. The married father was ordered Thursday to have no contact with his neighbour. The Craigslist ad, titled "Looking for lust," was purported to be written by a married soccer mom hoping to fulfil her fantasy of group sex and inviting

strangers to "please come play." It listed her street address.

Men started showing up at her door and in her neighbourhood, prompting her brother-in-law to stand guard and write down visitors' licence plates, police said. He also shooed away those bold enough to come to the door, including one who threatened to post her picture at soccer fields around town, authorities said. By the time the posting was removed, more than a half-dozen people had parked nearby or come to her door, and others slowly drove by or circled the neighbourhood, police said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Russia Victory dance



Russian actors dressed in Second World War uniforms perform before the departure of a retro train called Victory at a railway terminal in Rostov-on-Don, about 1,000 kilometres south of Moscow, on Thursday. The train will move to the south, visiting places of battle to mark the 65th anniversary of the allied victory over Nazi Germany.

U.S. Senate scuttles any ideas on Congressional pay raises

WASHINGTON Yielding to election year reality, the U.S. Senate passed a bill Thursday to deny members of Congress from receiving their annual pay raises next year.

Democrat Russ Feingold engineered the surprise passage of the legislation, which would deny senators and members of the House of Representatives automatic pay raises of about \$1,600 next year. Members of Congress make \$174,000 a year.

The Senate passed the measure unanimously without a roll call vote. The House has yet to act on it, but probably will go along given that all House members must face the electorate in November.

Congressional lawmakers receive automatic cost-of-living pay increases unless they pass legislation to block it — as they did last year. The last time lawmak-

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speaker Nancy Pelosi makes \$223,500 a year. Minority leader John Boehner rakes in \$193,400. President Barack Obama makes \$400,000 a year.

ers opted to take the pay increase was in 2008, which meant they received a \$5,000 raise last January. Congressional pay hikes part of an ethics reform bill in 1989, when Congress gave up its ability to accept pay for speeches and made annual cost-of-living pay increases automatic unless the lawmakers voted otherwise.

In the early days of Republican control of Congress, lawmakers routinely denied themselves the annual cost of living allowances, or COLAs. They have accepted the raises during most of the past decade.

Now, with unemployment averaging 10 per cent nationwide and with Congress suffering from abysmal approval ratings, it was a no-brainer to decline the increase in pay.

Most members, however, privately support the pay raise as a means of retaining experienced lawmakers and of making sure that Congress is not simply dominated by wealthy people. Many lawmakers maintain homes both in the expensive Washington housing market and back in their districts. On most days, they meet with lobbyists who earn far more than they. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

CHINA The country's top health body said Thursday that health workers who improperly dispose of dead babies will be "severely dealt with" following an investigation into the dumping of several bodies along a river in eastern China. A scandal erupted last month

when the bodies of 21 babies and fetuses — some with hospital identification tags around their ankles and at least one stuffed in a yellow bag marked "medical waste" — were found washed ashore on the Guangfu river on the outskirts of Jinan city in Shandong province. Two

hospital workers, Zhu Zhenyu and Wang Zhijun, were fired and detained by police as suspects, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. The babies' families had paid the pair to dispose of the bodies, but they instead dumped them at the river. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Man gets nine months for stealing plane

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Earth Day evolved to a sophisticated cause

The term "Green Movement" was not yet in vogue, and there was little talk of combating global warming.

Instead, the original Earth Day 40 years ago emphasized "ecology" and goals like cleaning up pollution and litter, along with a more anti-establishment vibe than today's environmental movement.

"It was brand new on the scene. We were basically using a new vocabulary," recalled Denis Hayes, who was the 25-year-old national co-ordinator for that first Earth Day.

"So it was all fresh. In 1969, most Americans couldn't even define the word environment. By the end of 1970, a huge fraction of them thought of themselves as environmentalists."

The movement capitalized on the experience and passion of American activists who had organized anti-war, civil rights and feminist rallies in the 1960s. Today, the environ-



In this April 23, 1970 file photo, a crowd observing the first Earth Day festivities relaxes on a hill in Fairmount Park in Philadelphia.

mental cause is far more sophisticated, Hayes said, with thousands of environmental lawyers and advocates with advanced de-

grees.

"But some of that passion that we had in 1970 has faded," he said.

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News in brief

FRANCE Muslims in the Arab world are incensed and Muslims in France are walking a delicate line after President Nicolas Sarkozy pushed for a ban on full Islamic veils. "Ridiculous" and "misplaced," said a Muslim vendor Thursday at a market in a working class,

ethnically mixed Paris suburb. "Racist," said a Sunni Muslim cleric in Lebanon. The rector of the Muslim Institute of the Paris Mosque, however, held off on harsh criticism, noting that the Qur'an does not require women to cover their bodies and faces.

PIRACY Eleven suspected pirates were being flown to the United States on Thursday to stand trial in alleged attacks on U.S. naval vessels off the coast of Africa, officials said. The suspects were expected to appear in court in Norfolk, Va.

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On the evening of April 16, 1969, the editorial staff of The People went about the usual business of putting together its still-less-than-year-old Halifax alternative biweekly newspaper.

But, just before shipping it off to the printer, managing editor Nick Fillmore re-

members, "We pulled off The People masthead, dad (Frank Fillmore) wrote an editorial explaining why Nova Scotia needed an independent paper, and The 4th Estate was born."

Their dramatic "little scheme" not only ended a simmering dispute among the five owners of the paper — Fillmore says the non-family owners wanted to make money "so they tried to influence us to tone down the content" — but the launch of The 4th Estate also launched one of the most remarkable decades in Nova Scotia's long and storied journalism history. (Full disclosure: I was a contributor to the pa-

per.) Friday afternoon, Libraries Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Archives and Cape Breton's Beat-on Institute will launch Nova Scotia Historical Newspapers: An Online Resource, a project that has so far digitized 18 provincial newspapers, ranging from the Nova Scotia Chronicle and Weekly Advertiser (1769) to the Micmac News (1991). And, of course, the 4th Estate.

During its nine-year run, the feisty little tabloid challenged — and often bet-

tered — its establishment rivals, the Chronicle-Herald and Mail-Star, which the Fillmores disparaged as "the Old Women of Argyle Street."

Fillmore recalls one incident when an "angry Herald journalist walked into my office with the story about the incompetence in the construction of the Glace Bay heavy water plant — a story of national importance. I was told the Herald wouldn't publish it because it would reflect poorly on Nova Scotians."

The 4th Estate, which Nick says brought together "my father's social conscience and my journalism skills," had no such compunctions.

It campaigned against slum landlords — threatening to publish side-by-side photos of slums and their owners' private residences — and laws that sent poor people to jail for debt, or allowed the power company to shut off their electricity.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Fillmore believes Halifax could still use a 4th Estate-style newspaper. "Independent media, where policies are not dictated by corporate owners and where advertising is not heavily re-

lied on, are needed across the country," he says.

And so are resources like the newspaper digitization project, which showcase our history.

While organizers have done a remarkable job of digitizing 19,000 newspaper pages with a budget of just \$24,000, there's no funding to continue the work. "There are many, many newspapers left to do," says Michael Colborne, one of the organizers, "and with every passing year their condition deteriorates."

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.

Worth mentioning

South Korea takes aim at Net addiction

Day and night, Lee Mi-hwa's son stays on his computer, slaying dragons in his online fantasy world while his dinner and homework sit untouched.

Lee says the 15-year-old fights her attempts to get him to log off, physically lashing out at her entreaties. She pulls up her sleeves to reveal bruises she says come from his blows.

Her son is among some two million people classified by the government as "Internet addicts" in South Korea, a nation of 49 million considered one of the

most technologically wired in the world.

Some are becoming increasingly violent. Last month, a couple let their three-month-old starve while they raised a virtual child in an online game, spending most of their days at an Internet cafe instead of caring for their newborn, police said.

In February, a 22-year-old

bludgeoned his mother to death for "nagging" him about playing Internet games, police said. He then played games online for hours, paying with his mother's credit card, a police statement said.

Such incidents have alarmed the country, with the public calling for better measures against gaming addictions. The govern-

ment announced last month it would take action by restricting access to popular online games, and is sending counsellors to elementary schools to teach children about healthy Internet usage.

"It's a little ironic that what was invented to make our lives better has come to make it worse for some," said Park Hye-kyung, director of the I Will Center, a government-funded counselling centre created in December to focus on the growing issue of Internet addiction.

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Three out of 10 Korean adults and some 26 per cent of teenagers are addicted gamers, according to Eo Gee-jun, president of the Korea Computer Life Institute.

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Smartphone sales fuel Nokia's Q1 profits

Nokia Corp.'s first-quarter net profit surged to 349 million euros (\$467 million US) from 122 million euros a year earlier, with strong growth in smartphone sales and three per cent growth in total revenue, the company said Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Our lead won't last: BoC

Canada is leading the other G7 countries out of recession with the fastest growth in a decade, but it will be trailing those countries in a few years, the Bank of Canada said Thursday.



Mark Carney

The central bank's latest economic outlook released Thursday makes several bold predictions, including Canada's fast start out of last year's slump is already slowing, the housing boom is fizzling out, and the country's long-term growth prospects are discouraging.

And governor Mark Carney is cautioning markets not to be so sure Canada's central bank will raise its key interest rates in a matter of weeks.

On Tuesday, the Canadian

dollar shot up more than 1.5 cents to above parity with the U.S. currency after the Bank of Canada said it was dropping its promise not to raise rates before July at the earliest.

But Carney told a news conference Thursday there is still considerable risk in the global economy, or to anticipating his next move.

"There is nothing pre-ordained from this day forward," Carney said to a question on interest rates.

Most economists interpreted Tuesday's statement as an alert to plan for higher rates in June, but some argued Carney had left himself plenty of wiggle room.

"The Bank of Canada has limited scope to raise interest rates in the next several months," said Brian Bethune, chief economist with IHS Global Insight.

"While we may see one or two token moves to raise the overnight rate by a quarter of a point in the June to October window, action to raise rates will be very limited" by the fact doing so would further boost an already strong dollar.

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Mexico City rolls out program to pedal its way to a greener city.

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Businesses flaunt green efforts

EARTH DAY Canadian businesses took advantage of the 40th Earth Day Thursday to trumpet their environmental credentials by announcing initiatives aimed at bathing them in a green glow.

Whether it's banning large-tank flush toilets (Rona Inc.), touting their environmentally-friendly socks (Gildan Activewear) or donating one million travel

miles (Aeroplan), companies were eager to flaunt their efforts.

Philippe Cousteau, grandson of undersea explorer and environmentalist Jacques-Yves Cousteau, said many companies have discovered that adopting environmentally-friendly practices make them more efficient, which is good for the bottom line.

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Business in brief

BANK TAX Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney is urging G20 countries to reject calls for a new bank tax at their next meeting in Washington later this week as they tackle a critical reform of the world's financial system. Canada's top central banker, who will be participating at the meetings Friday and Saturday, said the G20 nations have far more important work to do than a bank tax.

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West 49 Inc., the youth-oriented Canadian clothing and sporting goods retailer, managed small profits in its fourth quarter and full year ended Jan. 30. Net income for the quarter was \$900,000 or one cent per share. That compared with a loss of \$8.5 million or 13 cents per share a year earlier. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Rate hikes haunt buyers

Worry warts still have time to cushion their mortgages

The prospect of higher mortgage rates and stiffer rules that went into effect this week on qualifying for house loans have left Canadians scrambling for answers to their home financing questions before rates rise.

The answers are different for each homeowner or prospective homebuyer, mortgage experts say, but

there are some general rules that wise mortgage holders follow in order to cushion themselves against rate hikes.

Jim Rawson, a regional manager at mortgage broker Invis, said those with mortgages coming up for renewal in the next four months and buyers looking to get into the market before rates rise should get

pre-approved at current rates, giving them 120 days to lock in. Refinancing is also an option for those worried about existing mortgages, but owners would have to pay a penalty.

Nervous buyers should consider a fixed-rate mortgage for a longer period of time and take comfort in knowing the payment will not change for the term of

the mortgage, Rawson said.

"You don't ever want to put somebody into a variable rate mortgage, although there are savings to be had right now if they're going to be worried about what happens with rates every night," he said.

New mortgage rules will force some consumers to plan for rate hikes.

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Wheels Cannonball run



Club Car driver George (Cannonball) Pennington steps out of the two millionth vehicle made by Club Car, a Village 2+2 LSV, on Thursday in Augusta, Ga.

Change pension rules: BMO group

MONEY One of Canada's big banking groups says rules for federal retirement savings plans should be changed to give people more control over their pensions.

BMO Financial Group recommends the removal of age restrictions on registered retirement savings plans, also known as RRSPs, and reduced tax rates for RRIFs, which are registered retirement income funds.

BMO said that Canadians should no longer be forced to convert their RRSPs when they turn 71, and should instead have the choice of when they begin withdrawing the money.

RRIFs are currently one of the main options for retirees after age 71 because they provide for a phased withdrawal of their tax-sheltered savings.

The difficulty with RRIFs is that they must be emptied by a certain age, sometimes resulting in income surges that put the retiree into a high tax bracket.

The banks says RRIFs should only be taxed at a

RRSP limit boost?

Other recommendations from BMO Financial Group included boosting the maximum contribution limit for RRSP so that they're more comparable to defined benefit pensions and also offer a chance for all Canadians to save equally for their retirement.

lower rate that "mimics" what might have been paid if the investments had been outside a registered plan. "BMO's view is that the personal savings component cannot be ignored when looking at how we can improve the current pension regime," said Tina Di Vito, head of the BMO's retirement institute.

"We believe an approach based on the principle that individuals should have the flexibility to take control of their retirement savings will benefit Canadians and have an immediate positive impact on baby-boomers on the verge of retirement."

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Business in brief

BAILOUT Markets pushed Greece closer to an expensive bailout after the EU raised its estimate of the country's budget deficit Thursday and Moody's Investor Services downgraded its rating on the country's debt by one notch to A3 from A2. The European Union's statistics agency Eurostat revised Greece's budget deficit in 2009 to 13.6 per cent of gross domestic product from 12.9 per cent.

ELECTRONICS Celestica Inc. says it has eliminated its long-term debt and is free to move into new markets — including aerospace, healthcare and green technology — as part of its quest to become the undisputed leader in global electronics manufacturing. Chief executive Craig Muhlhauser said Celestica became debt-free last month by redeeming its remaining 2013 notes.

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Dandridge pours in 20 to lead RazorSharks over Cavalry in Game 1

Former Halifax Rainmen small forward Glen Dandridge scored a game-high 20 points to lift the Rochester RazorSharks to a 110-106 win over the visiting Lawton-Fort Sill Cavalry in Game 1 of the Premier Basketball League best-of-three final on Thursday night. The RazorSharks are gunning for their third straight PBL title. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Sports

Pinkney atop leaderboard

Truro's Colleen Pinkney completed the round-robin portion of the world senior women's curling championship in Chelyabinsk, Russia, on Thursday atop the leaderboard with a 7-0 record. Pinkney is the top seed for Saturday's semifinals, with the championship game set for Sunday.

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Preparation done for Russell

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For the first time in a while, Cam Russell is going to get a chance to kick back and relax at a hockey game.

The Halifax Mooseheads head coach and general manager will finally put away his scouting notebook this weekend following the Telus Cup midget AAA championship in Levis, Que., and head to Illinois to watch his former NHL team, the Chicago Blackhawks, host the Nashville Predators in Game 5 of the Western Conference quarter-finals on Sunday afternoon.

noon.

It's been a busy six weeks since the Mooseheads' second straight last-place season came to a close in mid-March, with Russell scouting draft prospects at countless tournaments in the Maritimes, Quebec, Saskatchewan and New England.

"I'm all scouted out," he joked. "I've seen enough. I'm going to Chicago to watch Game 5, but that won't be for scouting, it will be for pleasure."

The Mooseheads hold the second overall pick, their highest selection since they joined the QMJHL in 1994. They also have five picks in the top 37 as they attempt to start crawling out of the league's basement. Russell has basically been rubber-stamping the internal rankings already established — and under constant revision — by his scouting staff, headed by Jean-Marc Blouin in Quebec and Allie MacDonald in Atlantic Canada.

The list was all but finalized last Sunday after the QMJHL-organized Central Scouting Challenge in Saint-Leonard, Que.

"It doesn't mean we can't change our mind over the next six weeks, but we're pretty well all done," Russell said.

The Mooseheads have said they will draft the best player available, regardless of position, and if you listen to the scouting community, defencemen — Jeremie Fraser, Dominic Poulin and Michael Matheson — could be the top three selections. "There are some very good prospects available that we're going to get at No. 2," Russell said. "We've also found it's a good, deep draft, through the second, third and fourth rounds. There are some really good players and we feel really good about having five picks in the top 37."



After spending numerous weeks scouting, Mooseheads coach/GM Cam Russell will head to Chicago to take in Game 5 of the Blackhawks' series against the Nashville Predators.

Delmas' future with Avs 'up in the air' for now

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CONTRACT Peter Delmas' future with the Colorado Avalanche won't be determined for at least another month.

The Halifax Mooseheads goaltender, entering his 20-year-old campaign in the QMJHL, has until June 1 to sign a three-year entry-level contract with the Avalanche, which drafted him in the second round (61st overall) in 2008. If he doesn't sign, he will re-enter the draft.

His agent, Jean-Pierre Lareau, told Metro this week things are "up in the air" with the Avalanche and that a decision on whether he'll be offered a contract hasn't been made one way or the other.



Moosehead's goaltender Peter Delmas

Helping Delmas' chances is the fact the Avs only have two goaltenders under contract for next season: Current starter Craig Anderson and prospect Trevor Cann.

But the Bedford native has struggled with injuries since being drafted and fell short of expectations with the Quebec Remparts in

2009-10. The Mooseheads picked him up from the Remparts in a January trade for a sixth-round draft pick.

BIG FINISH

Gabriel Desjardins went out with a bang as Canada left the IIHF world under-18 championship in Belarus with a seventh-place finish, its worst in tourna-

ment history.

The Mooseheads winger recorded two assists as Canada beat Slovakia 4-2 to win the relegation group in Bobruinsk with a 3-0 record.

Desjardins, who finished fourth in Mooseheads scoring this season with 32 points in 62 games, finished the tournament with three assists, nine shots and a plus-three rating in six games.

FEELING THE DRAFT

Red Line Report has given high rankings to Mooseheads goaltender Mathieu Corbeil and defenceman Konrad Abeltshauser in its April report for June's NHL draft.

Corbeil sits 34th overall, pegging him as an early second-round pick, while Abeltshauser is eight spots behind at No. 42.

Reid headed back to Switzerland

HOCKEY After three years in Germany, former Halifax Mooseheads star Brandon Reid is heading back to Switzerland.

The 29-year-old one-time NHLer has signed with the Rapperswil-Jona Lakers of the Swiss National League A for the 2010-11 season according to the club's official website. He played for the same club in 2005-06.

Reid, who stands second on the Mooseheads' all-time scoring list, spent the past three seasons in Germany's Deutsche Eishockey Liga, piling up 58 goals and 79 assists for 137 points in 164 games with the DEG Metro Stars in Dusseldorf. He has also played 13 games with the Vancouver Canucks and has two goals and four assists.

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Brandon Reid

Sports in brief

QMJHL Saint John Sea Dogs captain Mike Thomas has been suspended for one game for a charging incident. The Sea Dogs are up 2-1 on the Victoriaville Tigres in the QMJHL best-of-seven semifinals and will be without Thomas for Game 4 on Friday in Quebec.

GOLF Truro's Eric Banks, Wolfville's Ally Tidcombe and Digby's Eric Locke will compete at the CN Future Links Pacific boys golf championship in Tsawwassen, B.C., starting Friday. The event kicks off the competitive season at the junior boys level. **METRO HALIFAX**

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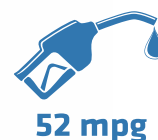
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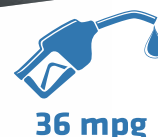


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New name for Royal Canadian Golf Association

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Bulls hang on to beat Cavs

(Cleveland leads series 2-1)

Cavaliers 106 Bulls 108



LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers can forget about sweeping the Bulls out of the playoffs.

Derrick Rose scored 31 points, Kirk Hinrich added 27 and Chicago hung to beat the top-seeded Cavaliers 108-106 Thursday night in Game 3 of a first-round series after its 21-point lead dwindled to one.

James scored 13 of his 39 points in the fourth quarter but also committed some turnovers down the stretch. Even so, the Cavaliers were within 107-106 after Mo Williams nailed a three-pointer with 3.8 seconds left. They immediately fouled Luol Deng, who

hit the first free throw but missed the second.

Cleveland's Anthony Parker got the rebound and raced up the right side but missed a three at the buzzer, and the Bulls escaped with the win despite some shaky foul shooting late in the game.

They will try to tie the best-of-seven series on Sunday.

Several times the Bulls looked as if they might run away with this one.

They were leading 39-23 early in the second after a three-point play by Deng capped an 18-5 run, whipping the crowd into a frenzy.

Miller hit a 19-footer with a minute left and Hinrich nailed 20-footer from the wing to make it 56-45 before Noah blocked a driving layup by James in the closing seconds.

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Flyers first to advance

(Philadelphia wins series)

Flyers 3 Devils 0



The Philadelphia Flyers were the last team into the Stanley Cup playoffs, but are the first to reach the second round.

Given a second chance to knock out the New Jersey Devils 10 years after squandering their first opportunity, Flyers goalie Brian Boucher was brilliant on Thursday night as Philadelphia won 3-0 in Game 5 to finish off the series Thursday night.

Claude Giroux scored twice in the second period after Danny Briere had given the Flyers a 1-0 lead in the first. Boucher made the offence stand up as Philadelphia beat New Jersey for the ninth time in 11 meetings this season.

Back in the 2000 Eastern Conference finals, Boucher and the Flyers let a 3-1 series lead slip away to the Devils, who went on to win the Stanley Cup.

Boucher finished with 27 saves this time in his second career NHL playoff shutout.

In his second stint with Philadelphia, Boucher has risen from third on the depth chart to top of the heap. The Flyers will have



Philadelphia Flyers goaltender Brian Boucher stops a shot by New Jersey Devil Zach Parise on Thursday in Newark, N.J.

to wait to find out who they will play in the second round. The most likely opponent for the No. 7 seed is Presidents' Trophy-winning Washington, which leads 3-1 against Montreal.

Philadelphia did its damage despite a relatively low shot total on Martin Brodeur. Giroux, who also assisted on Briere's second of the series, scored his two goals in the second when the Flyers recorded only four shots. They were outshot 18-14 through 40 minutes, yet led 3-0.

The Devils face a disappointing end to a season that showed promise. New Jersey won the Atlantic Division title for the ninth time, reached 100 points for the 12th time in 15 seasons, and qualified for the playoffs for the 13th straight season.

But they are left with a third straight first-round ouster, despite earning the No. 2 seed in the East and finishing 15 points ahead of the Flyers. Philadelphia didn't gain its post-season spot until a shootout victory over the

New York Rangers on the final day of the regular season.

The Devils were booed in the second and third periods and heard chants of "Let's Go Flyers" echo through their building.

Philadelphia won the series opener in New Jersey before dropping Game 2 on the road. The Flyers took control on home ice when Daniel Carcillo scored the winning goal in overtime, and then put the Devils on the brink of elimination with a 4-1 victory in Game 4 on Tuesday.

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Rams pin hopes on QB Bradford

NFL The Big 12, led by Oklahoma, kicked off a big party for itself at Radio City Music Hall in New York during the first prime-time NFL draft Thursday night.

The Rockettes would have loved it.

Starting with quarterback Sam Bradford going to the St. Louis Rams, five of the top six picks were from the Big 12 — three of them Sooners.

The Oklahoma junior became the eighth quarterback since 2001 taken at the draft. He was immediately followed Thursday night by defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh of Nebraska, the AP Player of the Year; DT Gerald McCoy and OT Trent Williams, Bradford's teammates with the Sooners.

"That's pretty cool because I know the Big 12 has been getting a lot of slack lately," Bradford said. "People for some reason didn't think that we played much football in the Big 12 and sure didn't think we played much defence, so for two



Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford smiles Thursday as he poses for photographs with family and friends after he was selected as the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL draft by the St. Louis Rams.

defensive tackles to go in the first three picks is a credit to the Big 12."

And what about the Sooners' run at the top of the festivities?

"It's insane isn't it?" McCoy said with a huge smile. "We can't play football in the Big 12, but the first four picks went out the Big 12? Mmmmm — three of 'em from Oklahoma, by the

way."

Bradford, the 2008 winner of the Heisman Trophy, joins a Rams team that was 1-15 last season and scored a league-low 175 points. The Rams cut incumbent Marc Bulger in the off-season.

Bradford appeared in only three games in 2009, his junior year, before undergoing right shoulder surgery. His recovery has been so

complete that the Rams didn't hesitate to make him the future face of the franchise.

An hour before the draft, Bradford, looking dapper in a grey suit, admitted he was nervous.

"The butterflies are flying around right now," he said.

A little while later, he could relax — at least until he gets on the field behind the Rams' weak offensive line.

Tennessee safety Eric Berry, an all-American, went fifth to Kansas City, breaking the Big 12 stronghold. Berry, noted for his versatility, also has the potential to play cornerback.

Then it was back to the Big 12 for Oklahoma State OT Russell Okung, who went to Seattle, where perennial Pro Bowl blocker Walter Jones might retire.

Florida cornerback Joe Haden was chosen by Cleveland, followed by Alabama inside linebacker Rolando McClain to Oakland. Both were all-Americans last season.

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Paul Gross plays The Montana Kid in *Gunless*, a film that turns the Western genre on its head.

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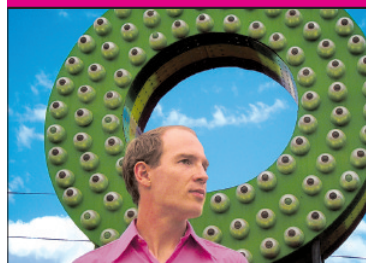
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Gross due North in comic western

Hollywood genre gets
Canadian twist in GunlessSTEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

There was always something that nagged Paul Gross about his famous role as respectable Mountie Benton Fraser on the mid-nineties television drama *Due South*.

"I never actually had a gun, I had a wedge of wood in my holster," admitted Gross during a recent interview to promote his co-incidentally-named new film, *Gunless*. "So getting to go to work and actually have a real Colt 45, that was just heavenly."

Although Gross stopped short of insisting a real gun was his impetus for taking on the role of a gunslinger in the new Western-style comedy, he does accept that the weapon informed his portrayal.

"They're kind of amazing to hold," said Gross. "I was practising constantly, drawing it and spinning it

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and trying to do tricks with it ...but it's still in the back of your head (that) this is something that could actually kill people. It sort of does something to you."

For Gross, it aided in developing *The Montana Kid*, a bewildered American outlaw that stumbles into a fictional Canadian town and challenges the local blacksmith to a showdown only to discover the hamlet's se-date inhabitants literally gunless — a circumstance that, for an American gunslinger anyway, is utterly confounding.

Paul Gross' *The Montana Kid* crosses over to Canada in *Gunless*.

Gunless opens next Friday

"(The Western genre) isn't a naturally Canadian form. It's really an invention of Hollywood to represent or speak to something about the American frontier spirit," said Gross. "You could-

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n't get away with making *High Plains Drifter* and set it in *Medicine Hat*...but you can import a gunslinger and drop him into

a Canadian setting and then you have *Gunless*."

Of course, *Gunless* isn't the first movie of Gross' that boasts Canuck roots. He wrote, directed and starred in 2008's *Passchendaele*, the award-winning

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Paul Gross

drama about one of the most traumatic wartime battles in Canadian history.

But as Gross discovered, turning Alberta foothills into a muddy Belgian battleground wouldn't compare to the staggering conditions the actor faced in blistering southern B.C. when he shot *Gunless* last summer.

"I find the heat hard to work in because my brain just kind of short circuits. I just feel sort of stunned all the time," chuckled Gross before pausing to reflect on his character. "Thank God, I didn't have to be too smart!"

Jennifer Lopez stars in *The Back-Up Plan*.

Barring J-Lo's hairdo, everything fails in Plan

The Back-Up Plan

Director: Alan Poul
Stars: Jennifer Lopez, Alex O'Loughlin
Classification: PG
Rating: ●

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REVIEW The most distracting thing about *The Back-Up Plan* is Jennifer Lopez's hair.

No matter what wacky situation her supposedly quirky and down-to-earth Zoe winds up in, no matter how messy this "comical" look at pregnancy gets, her 'do is always flawless. Even when she's caught in the rain.

It's only the most glaring symptom of the film's tendency to frame Lopez like the glowing pop star she is, not the clumsy, supposedly adorable character she's supposed to be playing. So

scrap that whole down-to-earth thing, I guess.

The concept isn't bad for a romantic comedy — single woman decides to stop waiting for a husband to have a kid and gets herself artificially inseminated, only to meet the man of her dreams immediately after — but the execution here takes the air out of it.

While *The Back-Up Plan* is director Alan Poul's first feature, he's no novice, as

he's been directing startlingly good TV for years, (*Six Feet Under*, *Rome*), so it's even more surprising that nearly everything on screen falls flat.

But there are a few bright spots of comic relief, including Zoe's time spent with a man-hating single mothers' support group.

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The Losers won't win over audience

The Losers**Director:** Sylvain White**Stars:** Zoe Saldana,

Jeffrey Dean Morgan

Classification: PG**Rating:** ●●●

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Sylvain White's adaptation of lesser-known graphic novel The Losers has a lot going for it, with decent action, gorgeous locations and a talented cast obviously enjoying themselves.

But somehow, there's nothing in it to elevate the film above just all right entertainment.

In a word, it's whelming. Not overwhelming, not underwhelming, just whelming.

On top of that, seeing the characters come to life on screen brings into sharp focus how much the original comic was pretty much a new riff on The A-Team.

Luckily, The Losers is getting released a couple months before that TV show's big-budget work-out.

See if this sounds familiar: An elite team of soldiers gets double-crossed while on a mission in Latin America.

Assumed to be out of commission by the powers that be, they go off the grid to get their revenge and clear their names through an elaborate and explosion-filled adventure. Leading the team is Clay (Jeffrey Dean Morgan), and while he never actually says it, you can kind of tell

he loves it when a plan comes together.

While Morgan and the other Losers (Idris Elba, Chris Evans, Columbus Short and the underused Oscar Jaenada) turn in admirable work, complete with the requisite camaraderie, their story never really shakes off its genre confines.

As lovely as Zoe Saldana is and as fun as it is to see her shouldering a rocket launcher, her Aisha doesn't get a chance to become a real character. Director White (Stomp the Yard) seems to crib from multiple sources, including the Crank and Transporter franchises and the oeuvre of Michael Bay, which is never advisable.

• For a trailer of The Losers, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies



Zoe Saldana's Aisha turns in some tough action in The Losers.

Weaver off to Congress for climate pitch

ENVIRONMENT Actress Sigourney Weaver is making her second trip to Congress in as many weeks, urging lawmakers to help oceans by reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

She made her pitch Thursday as a new report found that ocean chemistry is changing because more carbon is being absorbed into the seas from the atmosphere. The resulting increased acidity of the oceans poses a serious threat to shellfish and other marine life.

Weaver urged senators at a hearing to pass climate change legislation that would limit carbon emissions. She tells The Associated Press that she hasn't felt more passionately about an issue. Senate sponsors of climate legislation are expected to unveil it next Monday. Ocean acidification has been dubbed global warming's "evil twin."

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Zoe Saldana, left, seen here in the forgettable Britney Spears starrer Crossroads.

Saldana takes off

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Zoe Saldana's career is white hot after starring roles in Star Trek and Avatar but she is no newcomer.

She's been a big screen regular for ten years, even appearing in the odd blockbuster like Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl and working with high end directors like Steven Spielberg, but she didn't become a household name until last year.

The actress, who describes herself as "a cool geek who happens to dress nice," hopes to add to her growing box office clout this weekend with The Los-

ers, a wild action movie based on the comic book series of the same name.

She may have become a bold face name sucking up to the fanboys but she hasn't always played comic-book characters, giant blue aliens or iconic sci fi characters.

Early roles included a sharp-tongued aspiring dancer in Center Stage and the prim-and-proper best friend of Britney Spears in Crossroads — although she'd probably rather forget that one. Roger Ebert said,

"I went to Crossroads expecting a glitzy bimbofest and got the bimbos but not the fest," but it was another dance role in Drumline that earned her the best notices of her budding career.

In the time between Drumline and Star Trek, however, she made thirteen films, some big, like Pirates, some so small they barely made a blip on the screen.

For example, Haven, a complex crime drama set in the Cayman Islands scarcely made it past a festival run, but is well worth a look on DVD. Mixing and matching stories of corrupt businessmen, tax havens and romance it was too out-of-the-box for general audiences, but Saldana shines (the L.A. Times called her performance "sweet and complicated") opposite her Pirates' co-star Orlando Bloom.

Dues paid, Saldana now stars in blockbusters, which has benefits other than the juicy paycheques. In the past she says she was often mistaken for Thandie Newton — so much so that her own mother once confused the two of them — but given her recent success I'm guessing it's now Newton who gets mistaken for Saldana.

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Nicholson in Vegas

According to Vulture, Jack Nicholson is circling CBS Films' *LAst Vegas*, a geriatric version of *The Hangover*. The script centres on four elderly men who reunite for the marriage of Billy, the last bachelor holdout of the bunch. **IMDB.COM**

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Super Furry animals

Critters send eco-friendly message in Fraser film

PHIL BROWN
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What happens when fuzzy animals learn that soulless businessmen plan to bulldoze their woodland paradise to build a suburb?

Well, obviously they take revenge by pulling a variety of goofy pranks that typically end with the poor sucker in charge of the project getting hit in the groin.

At least, that's what happens in the upcoming family farce *Furry Vengeance* starring Brendan Fraser and Brooke Shields. The stars recently made a trip to Toronto where they discussed their environmental

slapstick comedy with Metro.

Given his career-long commitment to physical comedy, the project is certainly not a surprise for Fraser who was pleased to add it to his wacky resume.

"I thought it would be fun to play a complete doofus who is well meaning, but mis-prioritized," claimed Fraser. "Plus there's a timeliness to the environmental theme in a way that doesn't cram anything down your throat, but still teaches little kids to be nice to nature." However, Fraser did cop to one requirement

he insisted on before accepting the role.

"I made the director promise that this would not be a movie about talking animals. There are enough of those already," joked the actor.

Brooke Shields (who plays Fraser's wife) admitted that she was also a little trepidatious about signing on to a wacky animal picture, but changed her tone when she learned about her potential co-star.

"I am completely enamoured with Brendan and that was a huge selling point to be in the film," ad-

Furry Vengeance opens next Friday



Animals have it out for Brendan Fraser's character in *Furry Vengeance*.

mitted Shields. "And then the fact that animals weren't speaking and there was a subtle, yet poignant message helped as well."

The actors' genuine appreciation for each other was evident both in their giggly duo interview and their onscreen chemistry.

But of course, this isn't just a two-actor movie. In addition to all their furry co-stars Fraser and Shields share the screen with a cavalcade of scene-stealing comedians like *The Hangover*'s Ken Jeong and *Daily Show* alum Rob Riggle.

The result is an incredi-

bly silly comedy in which the entire cast joyfully makes fools of themselves. It's certainly not high art, but a playful family movie that both Brooke Shields and Brendan Fraser hope that other children will appreciate as much as their own.

Shrek Forever After debuts at Tribeca

PREMIERE One thing hasn't changed with *Shrek*: Puss in Boots still steals the show.

The fourth and supposedly final *Shrek* film, *Shrek Forever After*, premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival on Wednesday night at New York's Ziegfeld Theatre.

Shrek Forever After, which will be released May 21, returns the voice cast of Mike Myers (*Shrek*), Cameron Diaz (*Fiona*), Eddie Murphy (*Donkey*) and Antonio Banderas as Puss in Boots, the Zorro-like feline.

The film takes the shape of *It's a Wonderful Life*. A mid-life crisis comes to *Shrek*, now a father of three, who laments the loss of his younger, wilder days as a fearsome ogre. The evil magician Rumpelstiltskin (Walt Dohrn) makes a dubious deal with *Shrek*, the result being that *Shrek* was never born and never married Fiona.

The bizarro world *Shrek* encounters — something like the sideways shifts of

ABC's *Lost* — is a mish-mash of mostly the familiar fairy tale characters, but with different twists of fate. The Gingerbread Man, so meek in previous *Shrek* movies, is now a kickboxing warrior.

Puss in Boots, too, has been inverted. In this *Shrek*, the debonair swash-buckler has turned out an obese house cat, too lazy to shoo a mouse drinking from his bowl. He doesn't even have his namesake's footwear.

The character, something of a sensation after his debut in *Shrek 2*, won many of the laughs at the premiere of *Shrek Forever After*. Shortly before the premiere, Banderas said he believed the *Shrek* films have been popular because they're enjoyed by both kids and parents — "but most especially by the parents." He credited a loose atmosphere for the films' tone.

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Alice In Wonderland

REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy *Alice In Wonderland*. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses. However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes.

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

ed by an often critically aloof filmmaker, and turn it into a thoroughly entertaining evening at the multiplex. The pair play Phil and Claire, a bored, married New Jersey couple who try to spice up their weekly "date night" by spontaneously going to a trendy new restaurant in Manhattan. Finding the establishment booked solid, they take another couple's reservation only to get through the risotto before two corrupt cops escort them into an alley and demand a mysterious flash drive. From there, the mistaken marrieds end up on the run, a situation which generates comic comments.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World News

it is epic and jarring. Based on the posthumously published novel by Swedish mystery writer Stieg Larsson, director Niels Arden Oplev's powerful and very faithful film adaptation stars Michael Nyqvist as shamed investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist, who is framed for a crime he didn't commit. As he prepares for his impending prison sentence, a mysterious tattooed, pierced tomboy punk girl is following him. She's Lisbeth (Noomi Rapace), the dragon inked girl of the title, a brilliant, streetwise computer hacker and would be detective who, after a wealthy patriarch hires Blomkvist to uncover who in his family murdered his beloved, long dead niece, becomes the scribe's partner, in more ways than one. The *Girl With The Dragon Tattoo* is a master class in how to effectively stage a shocker where every faculty is engaged.

Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Date Night

REVIEW I'm not entirely sure where *Date Night* would be without Tina Fey and Steve Carell. After all, the two television comedians-turned-big screen stars take what is an overly familiar premise, direct-

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo

REVIEW The highly touted Swedish murder mystery drama *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo* comes highly recommended: It's as intimate and detailed as

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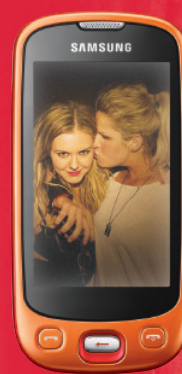
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IMAX

190 Chain Lake Dr., Bayers Lake
902-876-4800**How to Train Your Dragon: An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:35-7:30

OXFORD THEATRE

6408 Quinpool Rd.
902-423-7488**The Ghost Writer** (PG) Fri-Sat 9:45 Sun 4:7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:45**Roman Holiday** (G) Sun 1

PARK LANE

5657 Spring Garden Rd.
902-423-4860**The Back-Up Plan** (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:10-3:30-6:50-9:20-11:30 Stadium Seating Sun 1:10-3:30-6:50-9:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:30-6:50-9:20**Clash of the Titans** (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:45 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-7:45**Cowboy Bebop: The Movie** (14) Stadium Seating Fri 11:59**Date Night** (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:50-4:10-7:20-9:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-7:20-9:30**Death at a Funeral** (14) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:20-3:50-6:40-9:11:20 Stadium Seating Sun 1:20-3:50-6:40-9:11:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:50-6:40-9**The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo** (18)Noomi Rapace, left, plays tomboy-punk heroine in *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*.

Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 2:7-30-11 Stadium Seating Sun 2:7-30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:35-7:30

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DARTMOUTH

145 Shubie Dr., Dartmouth Crossing
902-481-3251**Alice in Wonderland 3D** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:05-3:45-6:30-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-6:30-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:30-9:20**Clash of the Titans** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:45-4:35-6:15-6:55-9:05-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 1:45-4:35-6:15-6:55-9:05-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:15-3:45-4:35-6:15-6:55-9:05-9:40**Date Night** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:55-6:20-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:55-3:20-6:20-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:05-3:20-6:20-9**Death at a Funeral** (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 6:50-9:25 Dolby Stereo

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20 Treaty Trail, Millbrook
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Top 5 albums on the Billboard 200

1. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 2. Congratulations, MGMT; 3. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 4. Raymond V Raymond, Usher; 5. Year of the Black Rainbow, Coheed and Cambria. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Music

Caribou takes a dip

Polaris winner uses prize money to fund new album Swim

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"Being awarded anything still seems surreal to me."

Nearly two years after taking home a \$20,000 cheque and the coveted Polaris Music Prize in 2008 for his album *Andorra*, Dan Snaith is still remarkably humble about it. He really shouldn't be though.

Under his musical pseudonym Caribou, Snaith has released some of the most vividly sublime and carefully calculated headphone music not just by a Canadian but by an artist of any nationality. His meticulous attention to detail, which could be linked to his prowess in mathematics (he holds a PhD in the subject), has made him one of the most distinct musicians going — but try telling him that.

With his new album

Swim, Snaith felt he needed to make his definitive statement as Caribou. "I'm really proud of all my albums, they all feel like a part of me," Snaith admits. "But this album, the main idea for me was to make it

"Andorra was definitely the pop album for me. It's the poppiest I'm ever going to be, presumably. *Swim* is more all-encompassing."

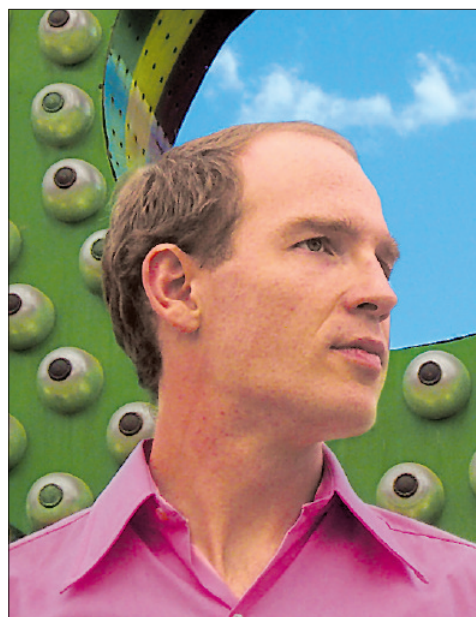
Dan Snaith

the most 'me' possible. I didn't want people to be like, 'Oh, this was influenced by this, this was influenced by that.' And that just led to me making it the most identifiable album that I've made. Maybe that's a thing, I don't

confidence know." Like any of Caribou's five albums, *Swim* is a deeply imaginative work built of kaleidoscopic melodies, astounding percussion and vibrant textures. While each of his previous albums were all very individual pieces inspired by a specific style of music, *Swim* represents the clearest picture of what exactly the Caribou sound is.

"I feel that each of the albums represented a different side of my musical tastes. It's not a conscious thing though," he says. "Andorra was definitely the pop album for me. It's the poppiest I'm ever going

to be, presumably. *Swim* is more all-encompassing. It contains a bit of the pop element from *Andorra*, the dance music influence, a bit of the psychedelic thing going on — all of the things that excite me



Swim — the new album from 2008 Polaris Music Prize winner Caribou — is a deeply imaginative work built of kaleidoscopic melodies, astounding percussion and vibrant textures.

about music are in there somewhere it seems to me, anyway."

And when it comes to how he pulled it off, Snaith credits the money he received from his Polaris win as the main reason he was able to make this album. "In a prosaic respect it meant that I could do things on this album that I hadn't considered doing

In Concert

• Caribou plays the Paragon Theatre June 11

previously," he explains. "There were more collaborative things that I wouldn't maybe have thought to do if I didn't have the facility to do it financially."



Corinne Bailey Rae's *The Sea* is an emotional trip through loss.

Bailey Rae copes with death of husband

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Corinne Bailey Rae had a career every artist dreams of. Her 2006 self-titled debut was selling like crazy — it sold close to two million copies worldwide — and she was nominated for four Grammys that year.

But it all came to a grinding halt in December 2008, when her husband, musician Jason Rae, accidentally overdosed and died.

Rae doesn't like talking about those days. She refers to that period as a "break" or "time off" and never

mentions her husband once during our interview. It's clear though that her time away from music was more than a temporary stop — she alludes that she was close to never playing again.

"I wasn't thinking like that, (about coming back)," she says. "I didn't think that far ahead."

In fact, starting to work again happened by accident she says. "I found myself playing guitar and instead of it being something to do to express myself I was trying to make stuff up again. It was really surprising to me, really nice and really

unexpected. It was a combination of finding myself writing and listening back to what I've done before and being happy with it."

Although Rae didn't directly address what she's been through, she didn't have to — it's all over her new disc, *The Sea*. The record is an edgy, emotional trip through loss. You can feel her loneliness on album opener *Are You Here*. "Are you here, cause my heart recalls that it all seems the same," she laments in the song's chorus. On *The Blackest Lily* she sings, "Colour my heart, make it restart, I

want it more than I ever knew."

The British songstress did say that it wasn't hard to open up. "I wanted to be truthful," she explains.

While it's much deeper lyrically than her debut, it's also a lot more diverse musically. She tackles R&B, pop, some psychedelia and, on *Paper Dolls*, with its '60s guitar riff straight up rock.

"I felt like I wanted to do something more aggressive," she reveals. "I wanted to stay soulful but be cheekier and dirtier. The opening riff to *Paper Dolls* was the first thing I wrote for the album."

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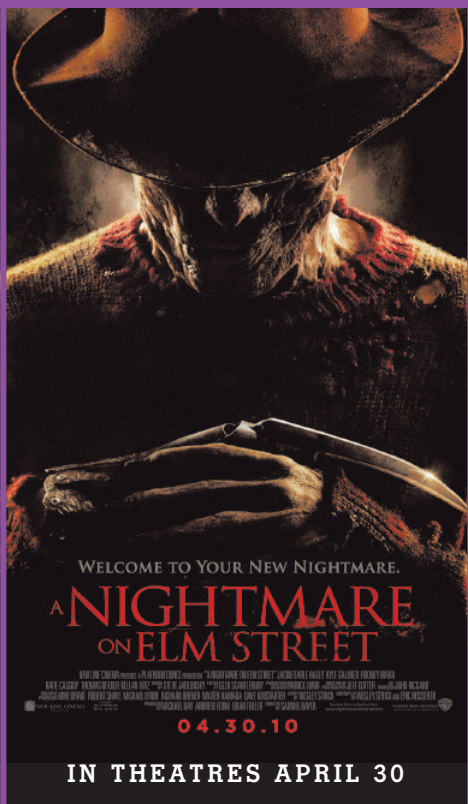
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Anyone who has travelled to or through the U.S. knows that customs procedures and requirements have become more stringent over the last decade.

If the Recording Industry Association of America and the Motion Picture Association of America have their way, it could get a lot more complicated for music fans.

The Office of International Intellectual Property Enforcement (IPE) is the branch of the U.S. State Department that enforces interests of holders of American copyrights. This includes counterfeit and pirated material of

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all sorts, both physical and virtual. That also means music and video files.

The RIAA and the MPAA recently submitted a co-ordinated strategic plan to the IPE — and it's insane on an Orwellian level. They call for the following:

- The installation of spyware on all computers capable of detecting and deleting material it believes infringes copyright. (They believe that once educated, consumers will install this software voluntarily.)

- Mandatory installation of software on all Internet connections to detect and stop transfers of material it deems to be

infringing copyright.

- Empower U.S. customs agents to search for pirated or unauthorized material on personal media players (MP3 players and phones), laptops, USB drives or any other media with the ability to store audio and video. If they find something, then the device should be seized. (Canadian customs can do the same thing, but require a court order.)

- New copyright enforcement muscle by everyone from the FBI to the Department of Homeland Security, specifically asking them to provide protection during summer blockbuster season.

- The IPE to lean on countries around the

world to adopt the same policies.

Before we get too freaked out, it's important to remember that this is just a wishlist submitted by the RIAA and the MPAA. What's scary, though, is the window this gives us into how the American entertainment industry is thinking these days: A non-neutral Internet, less digital privacy (including the enlistment of American citizens to participate in the surveillance of themselves) and the use of federal agents to act as free bodyguards for high-profile releases.

Thankfully, this is an American issue — for now. But as with the semi-secret negotiations around the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) in which Canada is participating, we need to keep an eye on this.

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Cockburn writing life story

PEOPLE Bruce Cockburn is writing his life story.

The memoir, to be published by HarperCollins, is due for release in April 2012.

Cockburn has made some 30 albums and is also known for his activism on issues like the environment and Third World debt.

The singer says he's been approached in the past about doing a book on his life, but always thought it was too soon to do such a project.

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In brief

CHARTS The following is HMV Canada's top 10 CDs based on national sales for the week ending April 24.

1. Iron Man 2 Soundtrack — AC/DC
2. Glee: The Music — The Power of Madonna — Glee Cast
3. My World 2.0 — Justin Bieber
4. The Fame Monster — Lady Gaga
5. Nikki — Nikki Yanofsky
6. Slash — Slash
7. Need You Now — Lady Antebellum
8. Crazy Love — Michael Bubl 
9. Congratulations — MGMT
10. One Love — David Guetta

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How to make it again

How to Make It in America, starring Bryan Greenberg (right), has been renewed, HBO said on Wednesday. The series, which focuses on two guys trying to start their own clothing company, will return for Season 2 in summer 2011. **TVGUIDE.COM**



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Television

It's TV pilot season

Turreted and stately, the house on a quiet street in Newton had been vacant for a while.

But for a few days last month, its 'For Sale' signs went away. Trucks, trailers, crews and actors converged along Lake Avenue after fliers in every neighbour's mailbox gave fair warning: This picture-perfect homestead would temporarily be occupied as one of several shooting sites around the Boston area for a CBS pilot called Quinn-Tuplets.

Quinn-Tuplets is just one of 80-plus scripted pilots in production and due to be evaluated soon by the five broadcast networks. Each is bucking for a berth on a fall prime-time schedule. But only a handful will make the cut. That means if Quinn-Tuplets doesn't pass muster with CBS execs, it will be tossed, forever unseen by the public, on the lofty scrapheap of busted TV pilots.

Such is the game of win or lose played out each pilot season in a high-stakes, time-crunched scramble.

Lately, a year-round program rollout has found favour in the industry. Even so, the May "upfront" presentations — heralding a new crop of fall TV to advertisers and the world — remain. This half-century-old rite perpetuates the need for pilots to sustain it. Lots of pilots. Pronto.

Shawn Ryan, with series to his credit including The Unit and The Shield, has a pilot in the works for Fox called Ride-Along.

"When you're producing an ongoing show," he said one hectic day last week, "It feels like you're in an out-of-control car hurtling 100 miles per hour and you never know whether you'll get someplace, or crash. With a pilot, you start at a standstill, and you're told you've got to be at 100 miles per hour — tomorrow!"

Almost in lockstep, the process goes like this: Come January, scripts for dramas and comedies are picked by the studios from hundreds in development. Production begins. By the end of April, each finished



(Above) Becki Newton (Ugly Betty) and (right) Jordana Spiro (My Boys) are acting in a pilot for a potential new series Love Bites.

include Sex and the City) conceived Love Bites as an hour-long romantic comedy anthology with loosely connected tales of love, marriage and dating. Besides a slate of guest stars, she signed Becki Newton (Ugly Betty) and Jor-



na Spiro (My Boys) as the series' regular cast members. "We're going from words on paper that only a few executives saw and decided not to make before, to now," said Chupack in a recent interview from Los Angeles, sounding jazzed as she faced the 14th and final shooting day. "It's really nice to employ a lot of people and have them making this thing that's been on paper for a long time."

On the other hand, Love Bites will be fighting for a place at the table against established series NBC may stick with, plus a dozen-and-a-half other pilots. These include the high-profile Rockford Files remake and a legal drama starring Jimmy Smits, whose executive producer is NBC's ex-communicated talk-show

host, Conan O'Brien.

"I'm kind of Zen about it," said Chupack when asked about her nail-biting plans when she is waiting for the verdict. "There are so many factors I have no control over."

She expects to hear the news — good or bad — as late as Sunday, May 16. If her show's among the chosen few, she'll jump on a plane to be in New York at NBC's presentation for advertisers Monday morning.

Shawn Ryan isn't counting on a phone call any earlier from Fox about the fate of Ride-Along. Fox will unveil its lineup that Monday afternoon.

Ride-Along is a Chicago-based police drama star-

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Cooking with a conscious

FOOD Alice Waters is unlikely to become the next Food Network Iron Chef. But with sustainable eating hot fodder for celebrity chefs, the woman many credit with planting the seeds of the movement may make the jump to her own television program.

The California-based food activist says she's exploring new ways of spreading her message about the importance of fresh, local food and supporting the farmers who grow it, including a possible TV show, though talks for that still are in the early stages.

"I want so much for this message about food to reach people," Waters said in an interview.

Waters put her quest for new connections into action Wednesday, participating in an online video conference that saw her taking questions about cooking and food policy from her Berkeley kitchen. She earlier held a similar session with bloggers.

The notion of eating fresh and local never has been more popular. Chefs from Rachael Ray to Paula Deen are talking about the importance of nutrition, the wife of the U.S. president, Michelle Obama, is leading a national charge against child obesity, and Jamie Oliver recently turned his effort to reform the diet of a West Virginia town into a hit reality television program.

"It's so unbelievably gratifying," said Waters. "I think we're all talking about real food versus imitation food. That's the place we need to go."

Waters, who opened her landmark Chez Panisse restaurant in 1971, has been widely praised for programs such as The Edible Schoolyard that she started at a Berkeley middle school, and has since spread elsewhere, teaching students about food, health and the environment.

Waters said that if she does a television show she would like it to be on public television. "Some of my heroes of cooking have been on PBS in the past," she said. The show might feature guests, famous or not, farmers and suppliers to Chez Panisse. "I feel like I need to be in a place where I can bring a lot of different people into that kitchen."

ment. But she's also been criticized as being out-of-touch with average working families, partly because of her message that good food is worth paying a premium for.

Waters reiterated her belief that good food is a good investment.

"You either pay up front, or you pay out back," she said.

"You either pay in your health and your way of life and the health of the planet or you come into a new relationship with food."

But Waters — whose latest book In the Green Kitchen, features simple techniques from a number of chefs — said eating well doesn't have to mean a big expense. Eating meat every day is expensive, but learning how to cook different things, such as inexpensive lentils and chickpeas or faro is not.

"It's what this book is all about. It's really about demystifying food."

Oliver, whose ABC show Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution, documents his efforts to change eating habits in Huntington, W.Va., said in an email that Waters "has created a program that works brilliantly for her community."

"She has found a way to get everyone on board and really teaches kids and adults about proper food. And she teaches them to really enjoy and cherish it too. Her books bring her recipes to everyone. There's nothing elitist about that."

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The Hallmark of Fame Movie, "When Love is Not Enough – the Lois Wilson Story" will appear on CBS Television Station April 25/2010 Sunday at 10pm

Television

Oh captain, our captain

"It's time for Canada to boldly go where no country has gone before."

That phrase leads off a Facebook page calling for Canadian-born actor William Shatner to be named Canada's next Governor General.

About 10,700 people have signed on to the page suggesting Capt. Kirk beam into Rideau Hall once Michaëlle Jean beams out.

Jean's five-year mission will soon expire and Prime Minister Stephen Harper is considering who will replace her.

The Facebook page asks fans to imagine Shatner reading the throne speech in that Capt. Kirk style "we have come to know and love."

The Montreal-born Shatner recently sang Canada's praises during the closing ceremonies of the Vancouver Olympics.

Wheelchair athlete Rick Hansen was recently

mentioned as a possible candidate to replace Jean, but a spokeswoman for the Man in Motion said Hansen has not been offered the job.

Other possibilities include John de Chastelain, a former chief of defence staff and Canadian ambassador to the United States, Inuit leader Mary Simon and Reform Party founder Preston Manning.

A Facebook page set up in March to promote Manning for the vice-regal position has less than 500 fans.

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FRIDAY	HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime time	4/23/10	31	31	31	ABC News Center	World News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap (N)	Jamie Oliver's Food	20/20		
7	7	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea	Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap (N)	Jamie Oliver's Food	National	Miami Medical		
11	11	11	11	11	CBC Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Buffalo Sabres (HDTV) (Live)	Ghost Whisperer	Medium (HDTV)				
32	32	32	32	32	CBS WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Medium (HDTV)				
6	6	6	6	6	CHIF Entertainment	ET Canada	Brothers & Sisters (N)	X-Weighted "Rebekah"	Shark Tank				
9	9	9	9	9	CJCH etalk	Access H.	Medium (HDTV)	Ghost Whisperer	The Bridge (N) (DVS)				
36	36	36	36	36	FOX Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	House "Black Hole"	Kitchen Nightmares (N)				
12	12	12	12	12	NBC News	NBC News	Access H.	Extra (N)	Who Do You Think You Are?				
55	55	55	55	55	SCOR HSR	Covers	Poker Canada Cup	WWE SmackDown! (HDTV)	Dateline NBC (HDTV) (N)				
53	53	53	53	53	TSN Off the Record	SportsCentre	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Washington Capitals	Hockey					
16	16	16	16	16	A&E CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)					
70	70	70	70	70	APTN APTN National News (N)	Fish Out of Blessings	Cashing In	Rabbit Fall	A Simple Plan ** (1998, Suspense)				
37	37	37	37	37	BRVO Emily of New Moon	Spectacle: Elvis	Bravo/FACT	Cover Stories	White Collar				
49	49	49	49	49	COM Just for Laughs	Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park			
18	18	18	18	18	CNN Situation Room-Wolf Blitz	John King, USA (N)	Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Cooper 360				
38	38	38	38	38	DISC Cash Cab	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)	Dirty Jobs	Man vs. Wild (N)				
48	48	48	48	48	HGTV Extreme Makeover: Home	House	For Rent	House	Relocation: Phil Down Under				
46	46	46	46	46	HIST Ultimate Engineering	Ax Men "The Big Hit"	Nostradamus Effect	The Firm *** (1993, Drama)					
17	17	17	17	17	MM Buffy the Vampire Slayer	America's Best Dance Crew	The Vampire Diaries	Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (2005)					
206	206	206	206	206	PIX (6:40) Stuart Saves His Family **	(8:20) Palmer's Bones * (1998)	Termination Point (2007, Suspense)	Jason Priestley	Kenny vs.				
39	39	39	39	39	SHOW Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part				
40	40	40	40	40	SLICE Til Debt-Part	Wedding SOS	Rich Bride Poor Bride	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part				
21	21	21	21	21	TLC Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes				
22	22	22	22	22	W House-Sell	House-Sell	Supernanny	How to Look Good Naked	Rumor Has It ... ** (2005, Comedy)				
27	27	27	27	27	YTV iCarly	To Be Indie	What a Girl Wants * (2003, Comedy-Drama)	Things I Hate	Survive This				

SATURDAY	HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
prime time	4/24/10	31	31	31	ABC News Center	World News	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Norbit * (2007, Comedy)	Eddie Murphy, Cuba Gooding Jr.	Castle		
7	7	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea	Dangerous Obsessions			The 2010 JUNO Awards		Stargate Atl.		
11	11	11	11	11	CBC National	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Ottawa Senators (HDTV) (Live)	CSI: NY "The Triangle"	48 Hours Mystery				
32	32	32	32	32	CBS WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	CSI: NY "The Triangle"	48 Hours			
6	6	6	6	6	CHIF 16:9-Picture	Gunless	Maternal Obsession (2008, Suspense)	Nichelle Tom.	etalk				
9	9	9	9	9	CJCH W5 (N) (DVS)	Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame	etalk						
36	36	36	36	36	FOX MLB Baseball	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops				
12	12	12	12	12	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)	The Biggest Loser	Law & Order (HDTV)	Law & Order				
55	55	55	55	55	SCOR NBA Basketball	WWE Vintage Collection	Score Rewind	Cabby Unlmit	Score Now	Footy Show			
53	53	53	53	53	TSN (6:30) SportsCentre	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Milwaukee Bucks (HDTV) (Live)	Score Rewind	Cabby Unlmit	Score Now	Footy Show			
16	16	16	16	16	A&E CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal				
70	70	70	70	70	APTN Tears	The Mix (N)	MYTV	Aboriginal Day	Turquoise Rose				
37	37	37	37	37	BRVO Arts & Minds	Bravo/Videos	Royal Winnipeg Ballet: 40	Star Portraits	Books-Film				
49	49	49	49	49	COM Comedy Now (DVS)	Comedy Now (DVS)	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	Hiccups (N)	Dan for Mayor			
18	18	18	18	18	CNN Situation Room-Wolf Blitz	Newsroom	Campbell Brown	Destroyed	Destroyed				
38	38	38	38	38	DISC Cash Cab	How It's Made	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Property	For Rent			
48	48	48	48	48	HGTV Holmes on Homes	Neutrality Effect	Neutrality Effect	Cities of the Underworld	Enemy of the State (1998, Suspense)				
46	46	46	46	46	HIST Ancient Weather	Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo * (2005, Comedy)	MuchMusic Countdown	Universal Soldier (1992, Science Fiction)					
17	17	17	17	17	MM The Vampire Diaries	(6) Snatch	(7:45) Lost in Space ** (1998, Science Fiction)	William Hurt.					
206	206	206	206	206	PIX (6) Snatch	(7:45) Lost in Space ** (1998, Science Fiction)	William Hurt.						
39	39	39	39	39	SHOW Bourne	ReGenesis (HDTV)	NYC: Tornado Terror (2008, Suspense)	Nicole de Boer.	Hitman				
40	40	40	40	40	SLICE Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives of NYC	Real Housewives-Atlanta	Real Housewives, Orange	Project Runway			
21	21	21	21	21	TLC LA Ink (HDTV)	LA Ink (HDTV)	LA Ink (HDTV)	LA Ink (HDTV)	LA Ink (HDTV)	LA Ink			
22	22	22	22	22	W Hwd 10 Best	What Women Want ** (2000, Romance-Comedy)	Mei Gibson.	The Break-Up (2006, Romance-Comedy)					
27	27	27	27	27	YTV Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	That's Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	

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prime time	4/25/10	31	31	31	ABC News Center	World News	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Brothers			
7	7	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)	Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame	Old Christine	Law & Order				
11	11	11	11	11	CBC The Nature of Things	Movie	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	The Amazing Race 16	When Love Is Not Enough: Lois Wilson				
32	32	32	32	32	CBS Evening News	WBZ News (N)	Cleveland	King of Hill	The Simpsons	Family Guy			
6	6	6	6	6	CHIF Global Nat.	16:9-Picture	Flashpoint	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Cleveland			
9	9	9	9	9	CJCH Human Target (N)	Cold Case	"Til Death	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Cleveland			
36	36	36	36	36	FOX News	NBC News	Dateline NBC (N)	The WWE Experience	MMA Fight Night	Philadelphia Flyers (HDTV) (Live)			
12	12	12	12	12	NBC News	NBC News	Dateline NBC (N)	The WWE Experience	MMA Fight Night	Philadelphia Flyers (HDTV) (Live)			
55	55	55	55	55	SCOR Score Today	SportsCentre	NHL Hockey New Jersey Devils at Philadelphia Flyers (HDTV) (Live)	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels			
53	53	53	53	53	TSN SportsCentre	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels			
16	16	16	16	16	A&E Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels			
70	70	70	70	70	APTN Mighty River	Down2Earth	Canadian Geographic	Call of the Wild (Part 1 of 2)	Skins ** (2002, Drama)	Eric Schweig.			
37	37	37	37	37	BRVO Royal Winnipeg Ballet: 40	Arts & Minds	Bravo/FACT	Spectacle: Elvis	The Girl Next Door ** (2004)				
49	49	49	49	49	COM Newsroom	Newsroom	Hiccups	Dan for Mayor	Comedy Now (DVS)	South Park	Ugly		
18	18	18	18	18	CNN Newsroom	Newsroom	Hiccups	Dan for Mayor	Comedy Now (DVS)	South Park	Ugly		
38	38	38	38	38	DISC Cash Cab	How It's Made	MythBusters	Superswarm (N)	State of the Union	Larry King Live			
48	48	48	48	48	HGTV Holmes Inspection	House	House	Sarah's House	Home to Flip	Holmes Inspection			
46	46	46	46	46	HIST Exploring Hitler's Mountain	Servants of Evil	The Hunt for Hitler	The Hunt for Hitler	Downfall (2004, Historical Drama)				
17	17	17	17	17	MM Secret Life of American Teen	Secret Life of American Teen	MuchMusic Countdown	Video on Trial	Video on Trial				
206	206	206	206	206	PIX Creature-Black Lagoon	(8:15) The Assassination of Richard Nixon (2004)	All the Pretty Horses (2000, Drama)						
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Pacino plays Dr. Death

MOVIE Jack Kevorkian says assisted suicide has been "discussed to death."

The assisted-suicide advocate known as "Dr. Death" said Thursday the HBO biographical movie, You Don't Know Jack, is unlikely to inspire much action but he's delighted and honoured by the "superbly done" film about his crusade.

The 82-year-old from Michigan claims he attended more than 130 deaths before being convicted of second-degree murder in 1999.

The film debuts Saturday and features Al Pacino as Kevorkian.

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Funny girl funny book

BOOK Mindy Kaling of The Office has some stories to tell.

She is releasing some comic essays about her clothes, romance and "the day she was horrified to learn her boyfriend could fit into her jeans." It's called The Contents of My Purse, Crown Publishers said Thursday, and comes out in fall 2011.

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Kudrow series set for TV

Lisa Kudrow's online series, *Web Therapy*, can soon be seen on television. Showtime has picked up the 45-episode project and will convert the clips into a series of half-hour episodes, according to The Hollywood Reporter. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Going Out

When Madonna comes knocking



Hip hop dancer Kymberlee Jay.

British plus size hip hop dancer Kymberlee Jay found fame after being hand-picked by Madonna to appear in promo videos.

Predictably, her striking appearance and unconventional dancer's physique simultaneously inspired women and sparked controversy in the industry. She is now an athlete on the Nike payroll, a TV presenter, choreographer, and of course a dancer.

She recently spoke to Metro World News about, er, waacking and krumping.

Q You seem to have so many jobs, how do

you cope?

A I don't know! I have always enjoyed being busy and learning new things so I guess that's part of it. All of my activities connect somehow so it's quite easy to multitask — like when I have my "choreographer" hat on, I can also be a Nike Athlete and Performance Coach! It can be stressful and I work a lot of hours, but I wouldn't change it for the world!

Q Are there any new underground styles emerging?

A I think the under-

ground style which is still least understood and being still being discovered is Krump. It's a very personal and exciting style that looks like it's extremely wild but is actually very controlled. A style that is making a big come back on the underground is also waacking. This was hugely popular in the nightclubs of Los Angeles in the '70s and is fast becoming the newest trend on the scene.

Q How did you end up dancing with Madonna?

A Madonna saw me in the Nike commer-

cial called "Take sport - add music" and asked me if I would like to join her in her music video for Hung Up. This led on to an appearance in the video for Sorry which was extremely exciting. Meeting Madonna in person was awesome, she is amazing and a lovely person.

Q What are you most focused on now?

A Currently I am very focused on being an artist manager, I am new to the music industry in this capacity so I'm definitely still learning.

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Mix of Six

Barenaked Ladies

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.

Where: Halifax Metro Centre

This popular Canadian group is beginning its North American tour with a stop in the provincial capital and will have local rocker Joel Plaskett as the opening act. Tickets are \$65 each and available at all Ticket Atlantic outlets.

Peter pan

When: Until May 30

Where: Neptune Theatre

This musical fairy tale is set to come to life in what is

sure to be a hit with audiences. The play stars Stephen Roberts in the role of Peter Pan, and will see the Ontario-born actor doing many acrobatic moves on stage.

Celebrity Hockey-NHL Legends Maritine Tour

When: Sunday, 1 p.m.

Where: Halifax Forum

This charity game will feature Halifax local legends versus alumni from the Boston Bruins, including hall of famer Ray Bourque

and sniper Rick Middleton. The event is general seating. Tickets: \$22 each.

Elvis Tribute

When: Sunday, 8 p.m.

Where: Casino Nova Scotia

Performed by Ryan Pelton and Thane Dunn, this show will give Elvis fans a chance to go down memory lane as the pair play hit-after-hit from the musical legend. Tickets are \$42.50 each. Available at Ticket Atlantic.

Bigger Than Jesus

When: Friday & Saturday

Where: Neptune Theatre

This one-man show performed by Toronto's Rick Miller uses exciting multimedia and multiple characters to explore the thorny crown of Christianity through conflicting viewpoints. For tickets, visit neptunetheatre.com.

Halifax ComedyFest

When: Friday & Saturday

Where: Various venues

North America's top comics are in town for this popular festival. For complete details, including the comedic lineup, visit halifaxcomedyfest.ca.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Volcanic ash

CULTURE Its name may look like someone slammed their fingers on the key board, but the Eyjafjallajökull volcano wasn't to be taken lightly this week. Ash from the Icelandic volcano grounded air travel, and placed the North Atlantic island-nation back in the news.



2 The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus

DVD Fans of Heath Ledger will want to drop by their local video store next week to pick up a copy of his last film. The Terry Gilliam-directed movie features an all-star cast, including Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell — who helped complete the film after Ledger's 2008 passing.

3 South Park

TV It looks like Trey Parker and Matt Stone still know how to push the envelope. The Associated Press reports a radical Muslim group has warned the creators of South Park that they could face violent retribution for depicting the prophet Muhammad in a bear suit during last week's episode.



4 Nightmare on Elm Street

MOVIES Freddy Krueger is back — and this time he isn't being portrayed by Robert Englund. In this latest re-imagining, which opens next week, the bladed glove-wearing serial killer is portrayed by Jackie Earle Haley. Is Freddy ready to scare a new generation?

5 Steak

BOOKS Travel writer and humorist Mark Schatzker grills those involved in the world of steak culture in his search for the world's tastiest piece of meat. The book is a grade-A look into the world of top sirloin and the lunatic lengths people will go to find the choicest cuts and best ways to cook a steak.

6 MAC's Prêt-à-Papier

BEAUTY This new neutral colour collection, inspired by the paper patterns snipped-out by fashion designer, sews together a seamless spectrum of shadows, pencils, lipsticks and blushes in shades ranging from parchment to vellum beige. Put away your scissors, pull out your makeup brushes and get crafting.

7 Undateable

ADVICE Author's Ellen Rakiety and Anne Coyle have come up with a list of 311 things guys do that guarantee they won't get dates. So, what makes their no-no list? Jorts (that's jean shorts to the lingo-challenged), bad facial hair, Hawaiian shirts, stupid T-shirts and fur coats.

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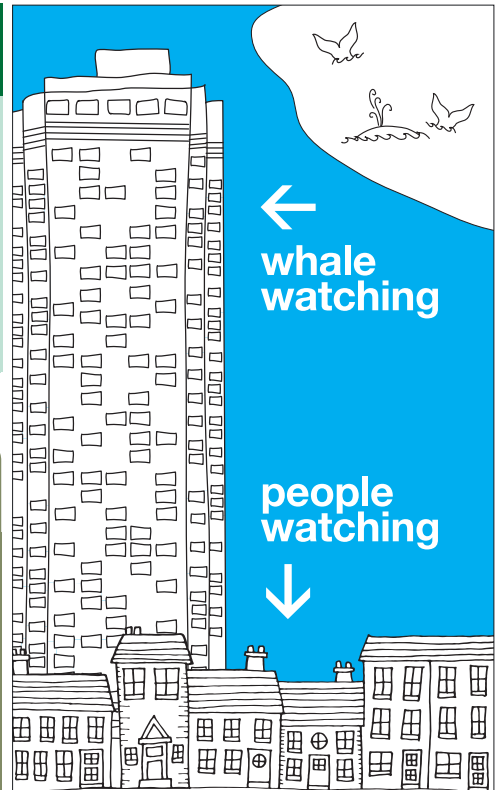
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PETA resurrects Bea Arthur for McDonald's attack

A new PETA ad aimed at shaming McDonald's into changing their chicken-slaughtering practices stars a familiar scowl — one belonging to Bea Arthur. Arthur died last April of cancer shortly before her 87th birthday. POPEATER.COM

Entertainment

Alba's education goal

Actress working to give kids the chance to go to school

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News



When Jessica Alba and the world's best soccer players get together, people pay attention.

The stunning actress serves as an ambassador for 1GOAL, a unique coalition of soccer stars, celebrities like Bono and Queen Rania, and world leaders like Ban Ki Moon and Hillary Clinton. South Africa will soon host Africa's first World Cup, but as 1GOAL points out, 72 million children in Africa and elsewhere don't have a chance to attend school.

Q Were you a good student growing up?

A You'd have to ask my teachers! I talked too much.

But I did love learning. Science was my favorite subject as a kid.

I still love learning. I feel like I'm a student for life.

Q Most celebrities are famous for their good looks, not for winning Nobel Prizes. Why is education important?

A I think most people in developed countries take education for granted. We have free schools, good teachers, public libraries and other tools we need to learn.

In developing countries, education can literally mean the difference between life and death.

Educated children are less likely to contract HIV, earn more as an adult and can be the first in generations of their families to live above the poverty line.

1GOAL runs in conjunction

Q with the World Cup. What's the connection?

A The 2010 World Cup will be the first hosted in Africa.

Seventy-two million children around the world don't have access to an education, 60 per cent are in Africa, and most are girls.

Players and fans can help give a voice to the millions of girls and boys out of classrooms globally.

Q What are soccer players doing to help?

A Players like Cristiano Ronaldo, Rio Ferdinand and David James are helping us get the word out about the importance of getting every child around the world into school.

Even though they are se-

riously focused on the upcoming games, they've given much of their time over the last year meeting with world leaders and signing up fans to the campaign.

Q You recently returned from Ghana. What do you answer young children who tell you they want to become Hollywood stars?

A I say go to school first and then pursue your dreams! Anything is possible with an education.

Q Actresses like Ashley Judd have gone back to school to receive Bachelor's, even Master's degrees. Would you consider doing the same thing?

A I've lived and worked all over the world since I was a teenager.



Actress Jessica Alba sits with pupils in a Ghana classroom as part of her work with 1GOAL, a charity promoting the importance of education.

I've been educated through life experiences. I've always craved the luxury of being able to pursue higher education through a university; hopefully one day I'll do it! Until then, I'll be a student of life.

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Osmond son attempted suicide three times before death, says friend
Before tragically taking his life, Marie Osmond's son confided to a friend that he had attempted suicide three times previously, according to witness statements from the L.A. County Coroner report. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Tiger and Elin: Separate lives?

NICKELBACK CONCERT?! THIS MAN IS CRYING OUT FOR HELP Tiger Woods and wife Elin Nordegren appear to be stepping up their lives apart, people.com reports. Monday in Orlando, Fla., the golf champ attended a Nickelback concert — where, according to TMZ, he partied backstage surrounded by a security team. Earlier that night, he and friends dined together in a restaurant, reports RadarOnline, an event described as his first pub-

lic outing since the sex scandal that broke last November.

Meanwhile, Elin and the couple's two children, Sam and Charlie, took off for Sweden, despite the volcanic ash spewing into the skies from Iceland.



land which grounded the majority of Scandinavian and European flights.

"Elin and her children have arrived in a very north area, much north of Stockholm," a source in the Swedish capital tells People.



One possible destination for Nordegren: The estate in the Stockholm archipelago she bought last year for about \$2.2 million US.

"Elin has a large plot of land on the island with four houses — all complete with kitchens," a source in Sweden tells People. "There is one guesthouse and another house down by the sea that has a sauna. She also has a sandy beach all her own and a dock for boats." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sources: Brangelina kin push for 'I dos'

SOURCES WHO ALSO HAPPEN TO BE FORMER CREATIVE WRITING MAJORS AT THIRD RATE SCHOOLS Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are finally ready to exchange vows, according to OK! Magazine. And it's all because of their kids. Sources say their children have been teaming up against them in their campaign for a wedding. "First it was Maddox, who has begged his parents to tie the knot for years," a source says. "Lately, Shiloh and Zahara have been chiming in, and Pax thinks it would just be the coolest thing ever to be a ring bearer."



Locklear arrested for alleged hit and run

JUSTICE MUST BE SERVED FOR INNOCENT PARKING SIGNS EVERYWHERE! Heather Locklear was arrested in Los Angeles for allegedly committing a hit and run and then fleeing the scene, according to TMZ. Luckily, her vehicle hit a "no parking" sign and not a person. As the collision happened late at night and wasn't reported until the next day, sources say it's unlikely the Melrose Place star will be charged, as there is

"nothing approaching proof beyond a reasonable doubt" that Locklear was driving the car.



Montag drops lawsuit against Hills producer

ONCE SHE REALIZED NO ONE BELIEVED ANYONE WOULD TOUCH HER VOLUNTARILY Heidi Montag has decided to drop a planned sexual harassment lawsuit against The Hills creator Adam DeVillo, according to Page Six. Montag had accused him of groping her during a photo shoot earlier this year. "Heidi and Spencer (Pratt) have changed their minds and realized they should just move on," a source says.

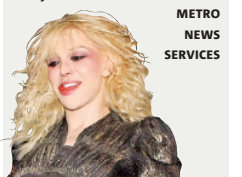


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COURTNEY LOVE is trying to clear up rumours about her love life. **MATTHEW PERRY** isn't shopping for antiques, and **LINDSAY LOHAN** is engaged in her favourite pastime of feeling sorry for herself.

@CourtneyLoveUK im not dating ANYONE i IMPLORE you to let it go! BEGGING!
@langfordperry You know what I don't like? Old world charm.
@lindsaylohan this industry is all about BUILD YOU UP to TAKE YOU DOWN, it's terrible but it comes w/the territory* i just ignore it coz im numb to the negativity at this point.... life is to be appreciated, and it goes by so fast... i'm a tough cookie so i'm not going anywhere... all ya'll are #STUCK with me LOL sorry



Wife 'controlled' King says ex

THAT 'DEPENDS' ON WHAT YOU MEAN BY CONTROL The divorce battle between CNN talk-show host Larry King and his seventh wife, Shawn Southwick, may be on hold, but things are still getting messy. A former Little League coach for their two sons says he had an affair with Southwick beginning three years ago. "We had sex

in Larry's bed — a lot," Hector Penate tells In Touch. "I had sex with Shawn while Larry was on TV. Our sex life was real good." Penate says Southwick showered him with gifts, and he claims she even convinced King to co-sign the lease for his apartment.

"She controlled him," Penate says. "He just sat there and signed it." **METRO WORLD NEWS**



Britney shoots for the stars

AND MISSES Britney Spears is seeking guidance from an astrologer, female-first.co.uk reports.

The singer — whose relationship with agent Jason Trawick is reportedly in trouble — has approached British TV stargazer Russell Grant and asked for a reading to find out what her future

holds.

Grant, 59, confirmed: "I got an email from Britney Spears' office. Apparently she wants a reading. I need to check out its validity."

This is not the first time 28-year-old Spears — who has sons Sean Preston, four, and three-year-old Jayden James with ex-husband Kevin Federline — has turned to Grant for advice.



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Paris disses ex-boyfriend

TO BE READ IN HER CHARACTERISTICALLY ARROGANT, VACUOUS, VALLEY GIRL ACCENT FOR FULL EFFECT Paris Hilton has definitely moved on from Doug Reinhardt, us-magazine.com reports.

"I am like so past that — I don't even care," Hilton, 29, told us-magazine.com at Wednesday's Project A.L.S. fundraiser at Lucky Strike Lanes in Holly-

wood.

A week ago, Hilton's rep confirmed that the star had dumped 25-year-old Reinhardt "more than two weeks ago." Hilton and the Hills star began dating last year but took a break in June.

"I don't even remember that time in my life," Hilton quipped of their just-ended romance. "I am over it! I just realized that I'm better off without him," she explained. "So I ended it because I deserve something much better."



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Royal engagement to be announced at any moment

SAYS 'AUTHORITATIVE' REPORT NO. 23,547 Royal families watchers are more certain than ever that a wedding announcement is forthcoming from Prince William and Kate Middleton, according to People magazine. The pair was recently spotted

sharing a cozy lunch at a French Alps ski resort with Middleton's parents, who clearly already consider William family, sources say. "William was clearly very close to Kate's father, and every time he spoke to him, William

replied, 'Yes, Dad,'" a source says.



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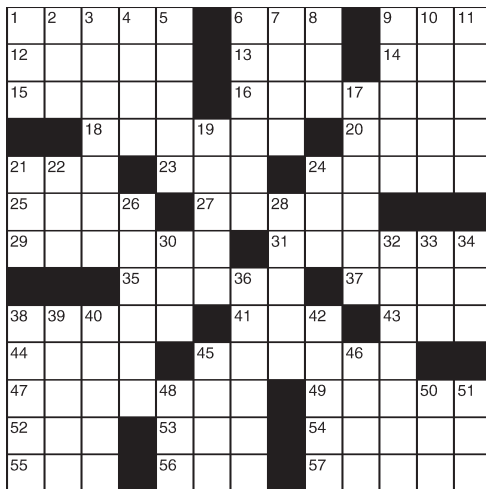
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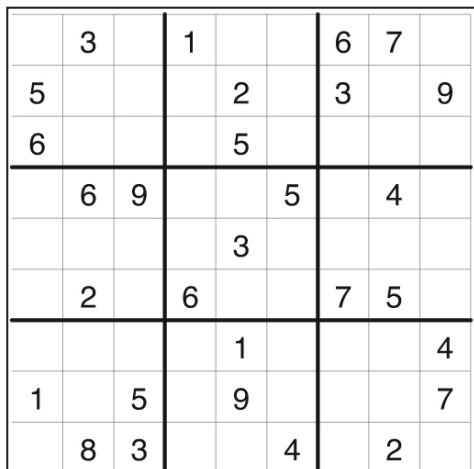
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Baked Spinach Gnocchi

INGREDIENTS:

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1/4 cup finely chopped yellow onion
2 cups 1% milk
1/2 cup semolina
1 tsp dried basil
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp butter
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
2/3 cup grated Parmesan
cheese

METHOD:

1. Cook spinach and onion according to directions on spinach package; drain well, pressing out excess liquid with paper towels.

2. Meanwhile, in medium-size mixing bowl, stir together 3/4 cup milk, semolina, basil and garlic. In medium-size pot, bring remaining 1 1/4 cups milk and butter to boil over moderately high heat. Slowly add semolina mixture to boiling milk, stir-

ring constantly. Cook, uncovered, 3 to 5 minutes or until very thick.

3. Remove from heat. Stir about 1 cup of mixture into eggs; return mixture to pot. Stir in spinach mixture and 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese. Pour into lightly greased 8" x 8" x 2" baking dish. Cover; refrigerate 4 hours

4. Preheat oven to 425°F (220°C). Turn chilled mixture out onto cutting board. Cut into diamond-shaped pieces. Sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A money-making scheme may look good but don't be tempted. There is only one way your financial position will improve and that is through hard work.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Life is not a zero sum game: other people don't have to lose so that you can win. Keep that thought in mind today. Why not co-operate instead?



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone you work alongside is watching you closely, hoping that you will slip up so they can point out your mistake and look good at your expense.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Why can't you take what others tell you at face value? Is it because your instincts warn they are being less than truthful?



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't worry that partners and loved ones won't understand your need to spend some time by yourself. What matters is that you unwind mentally.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may have no intention of backing down in some kind of dispute, but neither does your opponent and the most likely outcome is a stalemate.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You are advised not to make any major plans today or over the weekend. Trust that the powers that shape your life will guide you in the right direction.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may want to get on in the world but today it might be wise to keep a low profile. The less that potential rivals know the better,



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
An authority figure will either stop you doing what you want to do or make you do what you don't want to do. It might be a pain but don't get annoyed.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
There is no such thing as a free lunch and anyone who tells you a different story is not to be trusted. There's more than just money at stake.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
This is a fortunate time of year for you and although you might not quite believe that yet you will start to believe it over the next few days.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You will be reminded today of something you said a long time ago and chances are you won't feel too happy about it. Don't try to defend the indefensible.



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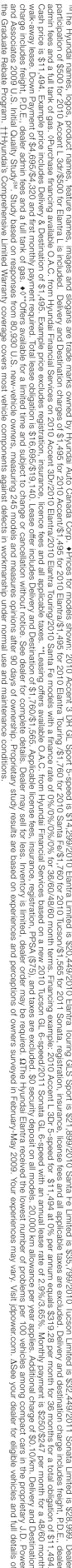
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